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Palestinian targets in Lebanon bombed

Israelis vote against backdrop of violence

SIDON, Nov. 1, (Agencies): Israeli planes bombed Palestinian targets in Lebanon and a petrol bomb wounded Jewish motorists in Jerusalem today as Israelis voted in a general election that may affect the future of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The jets bombed and rocketed guerrilla bases in Miyeh Miyeh refugee camp and the Qrayeh and Jimsaya areas east of the southern port of Sidon, 40 km (27 miles) south of Beirut.

Four US-made F-14 planes hit an ammunition dump and three bases of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah group, security sources reported.

Flattened

A base of the Syrian-backed Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and four houses were also flattened.

Three other Israeli jets then attacked a DFLP guerrilla camp and one used by Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General-Command (PFLP-GC) in the Aramoun hills south of Beirut.

Four people were killed and 10 wounded near Sidon, hospital and Palestinian sources said. No casualty toll was available for Aramoun, controlled by a Syrian-backed leftist Druze militia.

The planes struck as Israeli voters were choosing between the possibility of a new government headed by Yitzhak Shamir

of the right-wing Likud Bloc and Shimon Peres of the leftist Labour Party.

The air strikes, the 22nd by Israel on Lebanon this year, followed a petrol bomb attack on a bus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank which killed an Israeli woman and her three children on Monday.

Bombs dropped during the 20-minute raid gouged deep craters in the olive groves around Miyeh Miyeh camp. Dozens of panicked Palestinians fled their corrugated iron shacks and sought refuge in open fields.

Palestinian fighters manning anti-aircraft guns and carrying rifles later prevented journalists approaching the ruined camps in case of explosions by time-delayed bombs.

Boost

The chief of Fatah's military intelligence in Lebanon, who gave his nom de guerre as Kamal, said the attacks were intended to boost the chances of the Shamir's Likud Bloc, which opposes exchanging territory for peace with the Palestinians.

"The timing was very appropriate," said one Palestinian guerrilla. "This is a farewell gift from Shamir."

Kamal said Palestinian fighters would respond by stepping up attempts to attack military targets inside Israel. "We warn the Israeli military command that we will respond in an appropriate way to their attack," he said.

Hours after the raids, Palestinians

were still searching the bombed area near Sidon for missing relatives and friends.

In Arab East Jerusalem, police said Palestinian assailants today threw a firebomb at a car, injuring three Israelis including the woman driver whose hair was set ablaze. The car, plastered with stickers for the right-wing Likud Bloc, was being used to transport voters.

Most analysts agreed the Palestinian attacks would hurt the pro-negotiation policy of Peres and give a last-minute boost to right-wing parties such as the Likud Bloc which advocate tougher policies in putting down the uprising.

The key issue in the campaign was the future of the occupied territories and how to deal with the uprising.

By 8 pm (1800 GMT), two hours before polls closed, 75 per cent of registered voters had cast ballots, nearly six per cent more than in the last general election in 1984.

TV predicts tie

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 1 (AP): Israel television tonight forecast a tie in Israel's parliament elections between Shimon Peres left-of-center Labour Party and Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Bloc. However, the poll indicated the Likud would be able to form a government with small religious and right wing parties. The survey suggested the right would get 62 seats and the left 58.



A Palestinian refugee leaves Miyeh-Miyeh camp near Sidon after Israeli air raids. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kuwaiti plan to clear Gulf of mines approved

KUWAIT, Nov. 1, (Reuters): Eight Gulf states, overcoming political differences between Iran and Iraq, approved today a Kuwaiti plan to clear the Gulf of mines, wrecks and pollution left by their eight-year-old war.

Kuwaiti Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said they agreed that the executive council of the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) should carry out the plan.

"We have agreed to entrust the executive council to implement what Kuwait has proposed concerning clearing of the marine region," Awadi told reporters after emergency ROPME ministerial talks which began yesterday.

Caused

Kuwait proposed a joint survey of territorial and international waters to determine the extent of hazards to shipping and the marine environment caused by the Iran-Iraq war.

It suggested that a committee should report back to the member states - Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi

Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - on how best to clear the waterway.

US naval experts say up to 200 mines may still be in the Gulf despite more than a year of co-ordinated minesweeping by six Western nations. Most of them are believed to be in or near Iranian and Iraqi waters in the northern Gulf.

One delegate said the talks hit a potential snag when Iraq tried to include "rivers" in the scope of the proposed survey, a clear reference to the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway on its border with Iran.

Baghdad's demand that the Shatt must be cleared immediately of war debris, and Tehran's insistence the issue should be postponed, have obstructed UN-sponsored peace talks which resumed between Iran and Iraq in Geneva yesterday.

Awadi, ROPME's acting executive secretary, said the Shatt Al Arab, which flows into the northern Gulf, was outside the organisation's jurisdiction.

"Our talks concern what is in the Kuwait agreement. We can't

go outside the agreement," he said in reference to a 1978 pact between the ROPME states to protect the marine environment.

Iran's delegate, Mohammed Ali Abdoli, said there had been no major problems with Iraq. The two states worked well together in ROPME throughout the war.

Asked if ROPME would ask for outside minesweeping help, Awadi said that whereas territorial waters were the responsibility of member states, international organisations and foreign countries should help in international waters.

"It is the duty of international organisations to offer their support for clearing and removing obstacles," he said. "As for foreign countries, the international community has a responsibility to clear international waters."

Abdoli, Deputy Director of Iran's Environment Department, said Tehran had opposed an appeal to foreign governments unless absolutely necessary. "We think the region is able to solve its problems by itself," he said.

Progress made on POW exchange

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today reported progress on a prisoner exchange agreement in talks to end the eight-year Iran-Iraq war and said he hoped for a further advance this week.

"I think if I could iron out the difficulties, we can move rapidly to the exchange of prisoners. On the exchange of prisoners I have been able to start some movement which has been very encouraging," he said on NBC television.

Perez de Cuellar gave no details of the progress. He was interviewed from Geneva after Iran and Iraq renewed direct talks for the first time since Oct 1.

Ceasefire will hold, hopes US official

By Fatima Ahmed

THE US expects "difficult" times to continue in the ongoing Gulf peace talks in Geneva, but hopes that the UN-negotiated ceasefire in effect since Aug 20 will be honoured by Iraq and Iran.

"We expect the negotiations to be difficult; there are (signs) it will take some time before the two parties can reach an agreement," said the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Gulf Affairs, Peter Burleigh, at a news conference at the end of his two-day visit to Kuwait.

Burleigh, who left for Doha, Qatar, yesterday as part of a Gulf tour, said that despite minor violations reported by the UN, the US is "hopeful that the ceasefire will remain and neither side will choose to violate or break it for any reason."



Peter Burleigh

about direct US talks with Iran and stressed that normalisation of ties with that country could take place only if Iran makes "a policy change and ends, once and for all, its support for terrorism and uses its influence for the release of all hostages held in Lebanon."

"These are the steps which Iran has to take before (there is) any scope for substantial improvement in relations," he said.

The US Congress imposed sanctions on Iraq due to Baghdad's alleged use of chemical weapons, causing a rift in ties between the two countries.

Burleigh, who visited Baghdad before coming to Kuwait, said his meetings with Iraqi officials were "good, and we value our relationship with (Continued on Page 2)

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WEATHER

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Sunset: 5.01 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 29°C 84°F

Ahmedi: 28°C 82°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 20°C 68°F

Ahmedi: 15°C 59°F

Falaka: 23°C 73°F

Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 31°C 88°F

Ahmedi: 29°C 84°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 49 per cent

Ahmedi: 54 per cent

Falaka: 56 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 59 per cent

Ahmedi: 64 per cent

Falaka: 66 per cent

Thousands cheer Benazir

LAHORE, Nov. 1, (UPI): Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto today resumed her whistle-stop election campaign tour that has attracted hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic supporters across the country.

The 35-year-old daughter of hanged Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto left the northeastern city of Lahore at 8:45 am aboard a special train on the second stage of her 16-day tour to campaign for the Nov 16 elections, the first polls since 1977 in which political parties are allowed to participate.

Thousands gathered along the 160-mile (270-km) route at railway stations where Benazir is scheduled to stop and make speeches.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers, peasants and their families greeted her yesterday at more than 15 stops en route from the southern port city of Karachi to Lahore.

The crowds cheered wildly and surged forward when Benazir appeared from the train. Many waved the flag of her Pakistan Peoples Party or wore items of clothing with its red, black and green colours, and chanted "prime minister Benazir, prime minister Benazir."

The platforms were bedecked with large portraits of Benazir and banners bearing the PPP's symbol - arrow. Supporters at a number of points also blocked

the train, which was already delayed eight hours.

At one town on the way to Lahore, Benazir told a cheering crowd that landless peasants would be given government land if the PPP came to power.

"On Nov 16, the victims of 11 years of exploitation will cast their votes against cruelty," she said.

Benazir said today she saw no hitch in taking power if her PPP wins elections.

She told reporters she believed the present caretaker administration had plans to rig the elections but the Army was committed to free and fair polls.

GCC seeks quick progress in negotiations

RIYADH, Nov. 1, (Agencies): The GCC foreign ministers met in Riyadh today to seek ways to accelerate the stalled Gulf war peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

"Our role is to encourage Iraq and Iran to exert more effort to achieve progress in their current talks," Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Youssef Bin Alawi, told the Oman news agency.

The ministers see progress at the negotiations as essential for restoring stability to the region.

The GCC wants a satisfactory settlement to enable normal Gulf trade and development to resume.

Alawi said the GCC's role was to narrow differences between Iran and Iraq, who opened a third round of talks in Geneva yesterday.

Since the ceasefire, Tehran has made efforts to improve its relations with Gulf Arab states.

It sent a diplomat to Bahrain on Sunday to fill the post of chargé d'affaires which has been vacant for a year and has agreed with Kuwait to upgrade diplomatic representation.

In his inaugural speech Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said today he was confident resumed Iran-Iraq negotiations would bring the region much-needed peace.

"We need the peace... it is a vital demand of our Arab and Islamic nations, especially as they confront a vicious assault by the enemies who are lurking to seize any opportunity to swoop," Saud said.

Waldheim holds talks with Amir

KUWAIT, Nov. 1, (AP): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim held a first round of official talks with HH the Amir of Kuwait today and visited the oil industry headquarters at Ahmedi.

The discussions, attended by senior aides to both leaders, centred on bilateral relations, the latest Middle East developments and issues of mutual interest, an official statement said.

"An atmosphere of cordiality, understanding and friendship prevailed throughout the talks," the statement added.

Waldheim, who arrived from Syria yesterday on a three-day state visit, also visited the port of Ahmedi to inspect oil installations.

Saudi Arabia to replace expats with nationals

BAHRAIN, Nov. 1, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia unveiled the outline of a five-year development plan which aims to replace foreign workers with Saudis, but diplomats said today the goal appeared hard to meet.

They said the government would not find it easy to reduce the expatriate workforce. "There will be no decrease in the number of foreigners without a deterioration in services," said one Western diplomat.

The outline of the new five-year plan, released in a statement after a cabinet meeting last night, gave few firm details.

It indicated a continued emphasis on defence spending, improvements in government efficiency, encouragement of the

private sector and increased regional development.

"The objectives are much the same as those in the last five-year plan," a Saudi government official told Reuters by telephone. "What is different is that the government will be better able to implement them."

He said the full plan would be issued in six to eight months' time and it would take effect in August at the beginning of the Islamic year 1410.

"The last development plan wasn't followed too closely," he said. "Before, the country was working on building its infrastructure. We now have the time to sit back and shape the economy."

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US frigate withdrawn

MANAMA, Bahrain, Nov. 1, (AP): The United States today withdrew its first warship since the Gulf war ceasefire.

The departure of the missile frigate USS Rodney M. Davis, about two months ahead of schedule, reduces the US fleet from 26 to 25 ships, including 15 in the Gulf itself.

PNC to debate four options

LONDON, Nov. 1, (Reuters): Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat has said a PLO parliament meeting in two weeks will debate four options on Palestinian statehood, including the declaration of an independent state.

In an interview in Baghdad with the London-based Lebanese newspaper Al Hayat, Arafat listed the options as: international supervision (of a state), declaration of an independent Palestinian state, an independent

ARAB TIMES

Grand Bingo

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COUPON for Game No. 67 appears on page 7. Last date for sending entries is Nov 10 and numbers will be drawn from Nov 12.

KPTC buses to operate till 10.30 pm

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) will operate buses till 10.30 pm on certain routes to accommodate late night passengers.

The routes on which buses will travel at this hour are Salmiya, Fahsheel, Hassawi, Hawalli, Farwaniya, Kheitan, Jahra and Abbassiya (route numbers 11, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 29, 102 and 103). The buses will run in one direction from the central bus depot at Murgab, the sources said.

KPTC operated these buses up to 11 pm in October on an experimental basis and concluded that there is no need to run buses after 10.30 pm.

Previously, KPTC had been running buses till 11 pm. The schedule was changed immediately after the attempt on the life of HH the Amir.

DAY BY DAY

SOME expatriates may have to travel outside Kuwait just a few months before the expiry of their residencies.

Sometimes, while abroad for compelling reasons, such as personal illness, illness of immediate family members or other conditions, the expatriate arrives a week, 10 days or a month later than planned.

Then, the person is prohibited from entering Kuwait because the validity of the residence permit has expired.

When these expatriates try to explain the cause of their delay, they are confronted with the directives issued to Airport Passport officers: "Any expatriate arriving with an expired visa should be refused entry into Kuwait."

These cases of expatriates should be treated with some flexibility.

Some of these expatriates may have been staying in Kuwait for a very long time and thus should not be banned entry because of reasons beyond their control.

We would appreciate it if the authorities could issue instructions that such cases be treated with flexibility.

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Court extends stay of execution of Indira assassins

NEW DELHI, Nov 1. (Reuters): India's Supreme Court today extended a stay of execution on two Sikhs sentenced to death over the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984.

The ruling came the day after the fourth anniversary of the death of Indira, who was shot by two of her Sikh bodyguards after she ordered the Army storming of the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine.

Other guards killed one of the assassins, Beant Singh, on the spot. Fellow-assassin Satwant Singh was also shot but survived and now faces the gallows with conspirator Kehar Singh.

Signed

Black warrants ordering the execution to be carried out at New Delhi's maximum-security Tihar jail were signed by a judge on Sept 12.

But Satwant's lawyer successfully sought a stay of execution arguing that his client should not hang while a magistrate's court case remained pending against the bodyguards who shot him and Beant Singh.

Lawyers for Kehar Singh, who was accused of masterminding the assassination, have also appealed for clemency to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman.

The Press Trust of India news agency said the Supreme Court would reconsider its postponement of the hanging on Nov 7.

Union Carbide

NEW DELHI, Nov 1. (Reuters): The Union Carbide Corporation began its Supreme Court appeal today against interim compensation for victims of the world's worst industrial accident.

Lawyer Fali Nariman, challenging the \$270 million compensation order, said it failed to take account of the possible liability of central and local government over the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster.

Polls show 10-point lead for Republican

Dukakis increases attacks on Bush

WASHINGTON, Nov 1. (Reuters): Democrat Michael Dukakis, increasing his attacks on George Bush, said today his Republican rival for the presidency was distorting facts and sidestepping major issues facing the country.

With the Nov 8 election looming closer, and many opinion polls showing Bush with a 10-point lead, Dukakis bought five minutes of network television time to level the charges.

"Our opponents prefer it that way," he said. "They are running for the highest office in the land by waging the lowest level campaign in modern history."

He said: "They are engaged in a scorched earth policy against the truth — on concerns ranging from crime to the environment to national defence."

The Dukakis statement came as one poll showed Bush with enough probable electoral votes to win convincingly.

Bush, in an interview with the Washington Post published

today, denied his strategy had been excessively negative compared with previous elections.

"Suddenly, I'm the guy that's the attack dog," he said. "I mean I don't accept that at all. Same old guy I used to be."

"I don't accept it in terms of past campaigns," Bush said. "Go back to the Goldwater campaign and the mushroom cloud."

In 1964, Democrat Lyndon Johnson defeated Republican Barry Goldwater after his campaign used a television commercial showing a little girl picking flowers who suddenly was the victim of a cloud from a nuclear blast.

Reflects

The commercial implied that Goldwater would be more likely to lead the country into war.

Dukakis's attack reflects the latest fight-to-the-finish strategy of the underdog Democrat, who in recent days has adopted a more confrontation approach in hopes of swaying undecided voters.

Bush, on the other hand, appears to have a new confidence on the campaign trail, which aides attribute to private polling that shows Dukakis has failed to cut into the vice-president's lead.

Bush yesterday taunted Dukakis's recently found pride in his liberal roots — a label the Democrat had tried to avoid only last week.

"There should be a debate. Dukakis versus Dukakis... the new left versus the old left," said Bush of his opponent's declaration that he is a liberal in the tradition of former Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy.

"Dukakis versus Dukakis — it could be very interesting," Bush told supporters in Louisville, Kentucky.

Conservatives have turned the word "liberal" into a label associated with big government, high taxation and candidates who are weak on defence, soft on crime and outside society's mainstream.

Carlucci signs deal with Egypt on joint tank production

CAIRO, Nov 1. (Reuters): Egypt and the United States agreed formally today to produce jointly the main US battle tank, the M-1A1 Abrams, in Egypt with most parts eventually being made in Egyptian arms plants.

"It is the best tank in the world," US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci told reporters after signing the deal with Egyptian Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala.

Egypt, a leading recipient of US aid and one of Washington's main Arab partners, will buy or co-produce up to 555 of the tanks under contract from General Dynamics Corp.

Abu Ghazala, who described the agreement as "a gigantic step for Egypt's military industry," said Egypt would first assemble tanks from kits at a \$250 million factory being built near Cairo.

Rise

It would then produce 40 per cent of the parts and within five years the proportion of Egyptian components would rise to 75 per cent.

"The first tank assembled in Egypt will go into military service next year," Abu Ghazala said.

The agreement was the high point of Carlucci's three-day visit to Egypt as part of a Middle East tour. He held weekend talks with Jordanian leaders and flies to Israel tomorrow.

US congressmen concerned about disclosure of military secrets have criticised the deal, but the Defence Department said Egypt needed the tanks to replace obsolete Soviet equipment and to ensure stability in the Middle East.

Pentagon officials also said Egypt would not receive the super-hard armour being used on the latest model Abrams.

Egypt, the only Arab state pledged to peace with Israel, switched from the Soviet Union



US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci (left) and Egyptian Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala walk down the stairs at the Defence Ministry in Cairo after the two men signed a protocol for the co-production of the US tank M1 A1. (Reuters wirephoto)

to the United States as its main arms supplier 15 years ago.

The United States raised Egypt last March to the same status as Israel and Washington's NATO allies for access to US defence equipment contracts.

Balance

Though the US-Egyptian military trade balance is heavily in Washington's favour, Abu Ghazala said the United States was going to buy an Egyptian air defence radar system, the TPS-

63, under a \$40 million accord.

The two countries also planned joint production of Dragon-3 anti-tank missiles, rocket ships, minesweepers and submarines.

Abu Ghazala said, without giving further details.

He also said Egypt would this week receive the first of an order of US pilotless reconnaissance Drone aircraft.

Carlucci discussed the Middle East and military ties for an hour with President Mubarak before seeing Abu Ghazala.

3 bomb blasts kill 21 in India

AMRITSAR, Nov 1. (AP): Three powerful bombs exploded in northern India today, killing at least 21 people and injuring 64, according to police and news reports.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Two bombs exploded in the town of Pathankot in Punjab state, killing at least 10 people and wounding 30 others, said senior police Superintendent P.M. Dass.

Dass said the death toll was expected to rise. At least 12 of the injured were reported in critical condition, he said.

In the neighbouring state of Jammu-Kashmir, a bomb planted in a state-owned bus exploded, killing at least 11 passengers and injuring 34, news reports said.

The two other bombs

exploded within 10 minutes of each other in the town about 160 kilometres (100 miles) northeast of Amritsar, Dass said.

Casualties

A three-wheeled motor scooter packed with explosives blew up outside a medical centre, Dass said. The scooter driver was among nine people who died instantly, he said.

The other casualties comprised three women, two children and three male patients waiting for a medical examination, he said.

At least 25 people were injured in the blast, 12 of them critically, Dass said.

The second blast occurred when a bomb placed in a car exploded, killing one person and wounding five others, Dass said.

The victims were Sikhs and Hindus.

Thinking faster on one's feet

LOS ANGELES, Nov 1. (Reuters): Many people literally think faster on their feet.

"Standing up improves reaction time, particularly for the elderly and relatively unfit individuals and for everyone working on difficult tasks," Dr Max Vercruyssen said today.

Vercruyssen, assistant professor of human factors at the University of Southern California, said his experiments showed a person could process information five to 20 per cent faster when standing than when sitting down.

The research, which focused on tasks requiring rapid decision-making, supports the theory that standing up stimulates brain centres associated with reaction time, Vercruyssen said.

Galtieri gets 12 years jail term

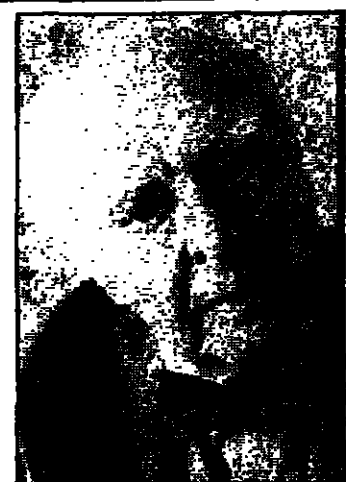
BUENOS AIRES, Nov 1. (UPI): A court has ruled that ex-president Leopoldo Galtieri, sentenced to 12 years in jail for wartime negligence, failed to plan adequately for the 1982 invasion of the British Falkland Islands.

A four-man civilian panel in a federal appeals court, upholding Galtieri's conviction in a secret court martial in 1986, ratified the 12-year jail term and modified sentences handed down by the 1986 court-martial for two other former members of the military Junta so they would be equal to Galtieri's.

Former Air Force Commander Basilio Lami Dozo, 59, was ordered to serve an additional four years in jail, while the jail term of Retired Adm. Jorge Isaac Anaya, 61, was reduced by two years.

Because of the time served under arrest during their trials, the three men could be freed in February 1996, the court said.

The court opinion, read by Chief Justice Horacio Cattani, said all important decisions in the Falkland Islands war, in which an Argentine invasion force surrendered to British troops after 10 weeks of fighting in the disputed south Atlantic archipelago, were taken by the three members of the military Junta together, making them equally liable.



Actor Houseman dies

MALIBU, California, Nov 1. (AP): Actor John Houseman, who gained wide fame late in life for his Oscar-winning role as a law professor in the movie "The Paper Chase," after a long career as a theater and film producer, has died, a friend said yesterday.

Houseman died during the night at his home, said Ivan Goff, a family friend and Hollywood scriptwriter.

The Romanian-born Houseman became a household name while in his 70s as Professor Charles W. Kingsfield in "The Paper Chase," a role he first played in the 1973 film and then in a television series.

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Iraq." But he remained firm about dissuading countries from using chemical weapons.

Expressing concern for Gulf shipping, Burleigh said the US Navy has been involved in mine-clearing operations. He underscored the urgency of clearing mines from Gulf waters and said the US is willing to join regional and European naval efforts.

"We will continue to help (in mine-clearing), but it is a problem requiring the co-operation of several states in the region," he said.

Efforts

Reaffirming his country's "commitment to peace in the Middle East" Burleigh said the US will continue to "move that process forward."

He said he anticipates renewed efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli issue after the Nov 8 US presidential elections.

He admitted that the Palestinian uprising (intifada) has had an impact on American public opinion.

"The American public has become more knowledgeable and concerned about the situation," he said, adding that this certainly has an impact on government policy.

He said US-Kuwaiti ties have never been better. "We hope to keep it that way," he added.

Saudi Arabia to replace expats with nationals

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Diplomats said that, despite a commitment in the last plan to reduce foreign workers by 600,000, the total number appeared to have risen by as much as 200,000 in the last five years to between three and 3.5 million.

Measures

But many higher-paid Westerners were replaced by workers from the Third World as government and company budgets were squeezed by falling oil revenues.

The outline, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, made no mention of measures that might be taken, but said the private sector would be encouraged to employ Saudis.

The Saudi Cabinet also agreed on measures to "support and strengthen defence and the continued development of self-power of (our) defence."

Arms

Saudi Arabia has purchased more than \$20 billion worth of arms in the past few months in a move to modernise its Army.

It bought an undisclosed number of medium-range missiles from China and has ordered 50 Tornado fighters from Britain in addition to a previous order of 132 British aircraft.

The king has said that Riyadh is eager to build a reserve force of up to 500,000 well-trained men. Saudi Arabia's Army is currently estimated at 73,500 men.

White rhinos

NAIROBI, Nov 1. (Reuters): Poachers have killed the only remaining five white rhinoceros at Kenya's Meru national park wildlife officials said today.

A spokesman for Kenya's anti-poaching unit said rangers were still pursuing the poachers who slaughtered the rhinos on Sunday night.

Angels freed

CALGIARI, Sardinia, Nov 1. (Reuters): Kidnappers freed Italian property tycoon Giulio de Angelis yesterday, more than four months after his abduction from a luxury villa on Sardinia's Costa Smeralda, police said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Nawaz Sharif uneasy over Benazir's popularity

'Bhutto era was a nightmare'

LAHORE, Nov 1, (Reuters): The prospect of another Bhutto governing Pakistan makes Nawaz Sharif uneasy.

The political foe of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto proclaimed his warning in Lahore this week, only hours before Benazir herself arrived for an election speech to a rapturous welcome from ardent crowds.

For Nawaz Sharif, campaigning for general elections on Nov 16, the five and a half year rule of Benazir's executed father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was something of a nightmare.

It meant suppression of political opponents, a state of emergency, queues at cooking oil shops, torture of students and workers and police baton charges, he told a few thousand supporters in the Punjab province capital.

Nawaz Sharif, the powerful Punjab Chief Minister, denounced the leaders of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) as traitors.

Witness

The populist Zulfikar Ali Bhutto governed from 1971 to 1977, when he was toppled in a military coup by General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq. His daughter Benazir has made her father's legacy the key to her electoral appeal.

Nawaz Sharif sees things differently. "We are all witness to



Nawaz Sharif

what they have been doing during their regime. The entire nation knows it and we will expose them," he said in a recent interview, accusing PPP leaders of corruption, election rigging and bringing economic ruin.

Though holding no top office in the anti-PPP Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA), Nawaz Sharif is widely seen as one of Benazir's principle rivals in the polls.

Like his mentor Zia, Sharif, the personable scion of a Kashmiri family of industrialists likes to play the reluctant ruler.

"I sometimes feel I've gone

into the wrong profession, the price that I'm paying for being in politics," he said.

"There is no peace of mind, we have to work all day, many nights I don't sleep, I don't see my children for days on end. There are 24 hours in a day, but I work 36."

"I've never been able to answer the question why I'm in politics."

Few Pakistanis have risen to high office as early as this 38-year-old Lahore lawyer.

Career

At 31 he was Finance Minister of Punjab, the most populous province with 54 million people. Four years later he became its chief minister, a post of great power and responsibility.

Now he has his sights on becoming Prime Minister of this Muslim nation of 104 million people. His fellow IDA leaders, former prime minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and ex-Bhutto aide Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, are also in the running.

He acknowledges his debt to Zia, under whose 11-year rule he rose to prominence. Zia was killed in a plane crash on Aug 17.

"Myself and my colleagues are considered to be his team members," he said. "We all believe he was a true Pakistani, who did quite a lot for this country, for the uplift of the poor."

US accuses Soviet Union of bombing Afghan targets

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (Reuters): The United States has accused the Soviet Union of unleashing cross-border bombing attacks within the last 48 hours in an area of Afghanistan where US-backed rebels are advancing.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the attacks involved the use of warplanes based in the Soviet Union, including backfire bombers, against targets in the southern Kandahar region.

Such actions contradict Soviet promises "not to conduct offensive operations except in defence of their own forces," he said.

Redman also said that within the past week Moscow had sent its ally, the Kabul government,

30 new high-performance MiG-27 combat aircraft, which are deployed at Shindand Air Base in western Afghanistan.

"These aircraft are of a type not previously introduced into Afghanistan," he told reporters.

Diplomats in Afghanistan report the MiG-27s "are being used in an effort to stem the mujahideen advance on Kandahar. We view this augmentation of Soviet firepower in Afghanistan with grave concern," he added.

Accords

Undersecretary of State Michael Armacost scheduled a meeting with Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin to discuss the issues.

The Soviets agreed to with-

draw their troops from Afghanistan under a UN-mediated accord reached last April in Geneva. The deadline for the withdrawal is Feb 15.

Washington said when the accords were signed it would continue to finance the Afghan rebels as long as Moscow subsidised Kabul.

Though Washington still expects the Soviets to meet the deadline, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar told the French daily Le Figaro that Moscow and Kabul were showing signs of nervousness on the agreement.

Redman said he could provide no other details about the Soviet bombing except that it occurred within the past 24 to 48 hours.

Ban rock music, India urged

NEW DELHI, Nov 1, (Reuters): Western rock music produces drug-like effects on listeners, encourages nihilistic and suicidal tendencies and should be banned from India, according to a prominent academic.

The United News of India quoted philosophy Professor Martin Kobiakka as telling a drugs seminar in the western city of Pune that banning rock music

in India would help halt spread of drugs.

"When you have such good Indian music, why do you need rock music from the West. Better ban it, if possible," the agency quoted Kobiakka as saying.

Kobiakka asserted that the rhythm and volume of rock music produced chemicals in the brain similar to drugs as evidence of its bad effects, UNI said.

Amnesty reports human rights abuses

Turkey accused of torture

LONDON, Nov 1, (Reuters): Amnesty International has accused Turkey of brutal and systematic human rights abuses and said political prisoners were in grave danger of being tortured.

The London-based human rights group said more than a quarter of a million people had been arrested on political grounds in Turkey since a military coup in 1980 and most had been tortured.

"Although Turkey returned to civilian rule some five years ago, the government has failed to ensure that human rights are protected," Amnesty said in a report.

"Although in recent years fewer people have been detained

than in the years immediately after the coup, Amnesty International believes that any person who is detained on political grounds is in great danger of being tortured."

An official at Turkey's London embassy acknowledged that cases of torture had occurred, but said opponents of the government had exaggerated the scale of the abuses.

"There are certain circles which want to come up with stumbling blocks to Turkey becoming a member of the European Economic Community and bettering relationships with other European forums," he said.

The official said the government sent 612 police officers and

prison guards for trial up to and including the first half of 1987 in connection with human rights abuses.

"There is a clear-cut intention on the part of the government to wipe this menace out," he said.

Amnesty said there were cases of young men and women being tortured in front of each other and parents in front of their children. In one case, three members of banned political group were forced to hold hands and undergo electric shock torture.

"Common forms of torture reported include systematic beatings, 'falaka' (sustained beating of the soles of the feet with truncheons) hanging by the wrists, and deprivation of food, drink and sleep," Amnesty said.

US overtures to ease tension with North Korea

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (Reuters): The United States yesterday announced conciliatory gestures towards North Korea intended to support South Korea's initiative to reduce tensions on the divided Asian peninsula.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the overtures included permission for US diplomats to renew substantive contacts with North Korean counterparts and a relaxation of travel restrictions between the two countries.

Also, the United States will allow limited North Korean purchases of humanitarian supplies to be determined by the Commerce Department and expected to include food and medicines. At present only US donations of humanitarian items, not sales, are permitted.

Any serious consideration of a potential reduction in the 46,000 American troops stationed in South Korea was far in the future, he added.

Redman said the US action was a direct result of efforts by South Korean President Roh Tae-woo to improve relations with the communist leadership in Pyongyang.

During an address to the United Nations in New York two weeks ago, Roh pressed his drive for an early meeting with his North Korean counterpart by offering to negotiate disarmament and other military issues.

He has urged the United States and other allies to help draw North Korea out of its isolation and encourage it to abandon policies of confrontation and violence.

Redman said the US gestures were taken in close consultation with Roh, who visited Washington after his UN appearance, and served US interests of "promoting stability on the Korean peninsula."

The Soviet Union and China have been asked to convey details of the US action to Pyongyang.

Sinhalese attack Army camp, 12 dead

COLOMBO, Nov 1, (UPI): Sinhalese extremists clad in Army fatigues today attacked a military training camp near Colombo and fought a two-hour gunbattle with security personnel in which at least 12 people died, a Defence Ministry official said.

The official said about 100 members of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — or Peoples Liberation Front — staged the raid at dawn on the national auxiliary force at Pannala, 55 kms northwest of Colombo.

The attackers, wearing military fatigues and armed with guns and knives, fought with security forces for two hours before escaping with a large quantity of arms, the official said.

He said four security personnel, four JVP members and a civilian employee of the camp were killed in the battle. The fleeing extremists also shot dead a truck driver several miles from the camp.

The camp is one of five facilities opened by President Junius Jayewardene to impart speedy military training to the national auxiliary force, a

paramilitary group organised to help the government battle the JVP.

The JVP is composed of ultra-nationalists from the island's majority Buddhist Sinhalese ethnic group who have been waging a campaign of assassinations and protests to topple Jayewardene.

The extremists are enraged at Jayewardene for signing with India a July 1987 pact to end the war between the Sinhalese-controlled government and rebels demanding independence for Sri Lanka's mostly Hindu Tamil minority.

The accord granted limited autonomy for the Tamil-dominated northeast to satisfy rebel demands for independence, but the move was viewed by the JVP as tantamount to partition of the island.

The group also believes Jayewardene compromised national sovereignty when he agreed to withdraw its troops to enforce the accord.

The government says some 500 public officials and members of the ruling United National Party have been killed by the JVP since the Indo-Sri Lankan accord was signed.

BEIJING, Nov 1, (Reuters): China said today it expected to have 70 million more people than planned in the year 2000 and accused family-planning workers of forgery and incompetence in drawing up statistics.

Family Planning Minister Peng Peiyun said the 1980s highly publicised goal of keeping population to 1.2 billion at the end of the century "probably did not reflect a realistic picture of our population situation," the China Daily reported.

The newspaper quoted her as saying surveys suggested 1.27 billion was more likely. The figure is roughly equivalent to adding the population of West Germany, 61 million in 1985, to the earlier estimate.

Western population experts have considered the 1.2 billion target over-optimistic for several years but Chinese officials until now insisted it was feasible if tough birth rules were properly enforced.

Attacked

The People's Daily earlier attacked widespread forgery and sloppiness by regional family-planning officials, who are often paid cash bonuses for reaching birth control targets.

"Whatever targets the higher authorities fix for an area, these officials simply report that it has been reached," the paper said. "Another tactic is to misreport local conditions to obtain high target figures."

Family-planning workers then invent birth rates, numbers of marriages and death rates to fit it, it said. "Honest statisticians who try and report the real situation have even been attacked by local cadres," it added.

Australian bid to catch drug traders

MELBOURNE, Nov 1, (AP): Australia's federal police will send officers to Cyprus and Argentina as part of a campaign to catch international drug traffickers, a law enforcement official announced today.

The decision follows a major drug bust on Oct 21 that resulted in 22 arrests in Australia and Hong Kong, and the largest heroin seizure — 43.5 kilograms (95 pounds) — made in this country.

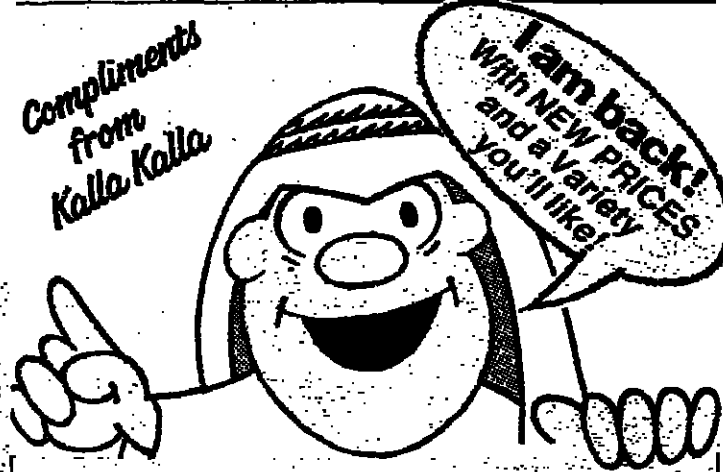
Police spokesman Philip Castle said Cyprus was a good venue to keep a watch on the Middle East drug trade.

He said war-torn Lebanon, the world's biggest producer of cannabis resin, was the main target of interest. He said that by early next year an officer would be stationed in Buenos Aires to report on the Latin American drug trade.

"We have become aware that the United States is oversupplied with (South American) cocaine and that the entrepreneurs are looking to extend their markets," he said.

Colombia is considered the centre of the South American trade, but Castle said the risk to undercover agents was too high, following the killings of US officers.

He told a news conference that federal police also are considering expanding their presence in Thailand, which is part of the notorious "Golden Triangle."



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Sheikh Saad allocates funds to fight locusts

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, deeply concerned with the recent invasion of locusts in north Kuwait has allocated a special budget for combating the menace, according to an authoritative source.

The chairman of the board and director general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, (AAFFRA) Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah said that the clusters of locusts which invaded farmlands in Abdali were those that survived anti-locust campaigns in Saudi Arabia.

Measures

Small numbers of locusts were spotted in Wafra and eradication measures were immediately taken, he said.

Some locusts have been seen in areas like Bayan, Qadisiyah, Surrah, Rigga and Jahra.

The official added that contacts have been made with the Iraqi authorities to co-ordinate efforts on a regional level to eradicate this serious hazard.

Thick swarms crossed from Africa to the Arabian peninsula two weeks ago in what has been described as the worst locust invasion in 25 years.

The swarms have reached beyond the peninsula, with Iraq reporting Monday that locusts had invaded its southern city of Basra.

A report on the state-run television said six separate clouds of the crop-devouring insects were in the city, but the ministry was using helicopters to bring the situation under control.

Saudi Arabian authorities claim the situation is under con-

trol and that the swarms have not penetrated deep into the kingdom to affect its agricultural areas.

Clouds of locusts also swarmed into Iran's Bushehr Port, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported on Tuesday.

IRNA, citing reports by the Iranian Agriculture Ministry officials in Bushehr, said planes were prepared to begin spraying operations.

An Agriculture Ministry official overseeing anti-locust operations said more swarms will likely invade Iran if the situation on the Arab side of the Gulf is left unchecked.

Preparatory measures adopted in Kuwait are envisaged to bring the situation under control. Additionally 14 special squads were put on alert in Abdali, Sheikh Ibrahim said.

The official said that AAFFRA had received a number of

proposals from international agencies to contribute special aircraft to fight the locusts. None of the proposals have been entertained as the measures adopted are sufficient to cope with the situation.

Additionally, the expertise of the Kuwaiti Air Force could play an active part should the need arise, he added.

Combating teams were being supported by technical, physical and monitoring specialists from the Ministry of Public Health (MOH).

Involve

The MOH has warned the public against eating locusts, as the spraying operations conducted involve the usage of pesticides which are harmful to humans.

Authorities have called on the public to immediately report any sightings of locusts to the nearest authorities.



Locust-fighting teams prepare their trucks for action.

Aerial manoeuvres to begin Saturday

KUWAIT, Nov. 1. (KUNA): The GCC's "Peninsula Falcon 2-88" aerial manoeuvres begin here Saturday and will continue through Nov. 15.

Head of the preparatory committee for the military exercises, Wing Commander Saber Al Swaidan, noted that these manoeuvres are the largest ever in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf, due to the number of fighters and choppers participating.

In a press conference today, Al Swaidan said that the manoeuvres will group 44 different aircraft supplied with live ammunition, along with an aerial backup from the forces of the Peninsula Shield.

Warplanes

Regarding the warplanes due to participate in the military exercise, the ranking officer indicated that: Qatar will take part with Mirage F-1s, Bahrain with F-5s, the UAE with Hawks, Saudi Arabia with F-15s and Tornados, Oman with Jaguars and Kuwait with Skyhawks.

Mirage F-15, Gazelle and Puma and Super Puma choppers.

Commander Swaidan, who is also head of operations at the Kuwaiti Air Force, said that the manoeuvres will branch into stages, namely air to air, air to surface and the final exercise will group land forces along with fighters.

He noted that the Peninsula Falcon 1, held in Oman, was not of the same calibre of the upcoming exercises.

Swaidan said that the Peninsula Falcon 2 drills aim at exchanging expertise among GCC pilots, adding that these exercises will be the biggest backup for the Peninsula Shield land forces.

The Kuwaiti officer said that similar manoeuvres in the future will also group naval forces alongside the aerial and land forces.

Swaidan noted that GCC air transport planes started arriving here today, carrying military equipment and will continue arriving through Thursday.

Gang arrested for shop thefts

SECURITY personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at the Capital Governorate arrested a gang headed by a woman on charges of stealing money from several shops in Kuwait City.

According to police reports, the woman entered small shops and asked to be shown some goods. While the shop attendant was busy displaying the goods to the woman, an accomplice stole money from the safe.

Several shops had lodged complaints of thefts with the police before CID personnel were able to arrest the woman and her accomplices.

Two children die in accidents

TWO children were killed in traffic accidents yesterday, according to the Ministry of Interior's Public Relations Department.

Nineteen traffic accidents were reported in Kuwait yesterday.

Two wrecks occurred in the capital, one in Hawalli, eight in Ahmadi and eight in Jahra.



Some of the locusts killed in Kuwaiti territory.

Boston firm making 32 boats for Saudis

ROCKLAND, Massachusetts, Nov. 1. (AP): The Boston Whaler Company in its first commercial order from a foreign nation, is making 32 fiberglass power boats equipped with gun mounts for machineguns in a \$2.7 million contract with Saudi Arabia.

Two of the \$80,000 boats will be used by King Fahd and the others by the Saudi Arabia Coast Guard. Andrew T. Longo, vice-president of Boston Whaler's commercial products division, said the order had to be approved by the State Department.

Agreement

"They were looking for a fast-response patrol boat for coastal security," he told the Boston Globe. "I think it's a great feather in our cap. For the size of the order, there were surprisingly few difficulties."

The agreement was reached in July, and the first two boats were delivered on Sunday. They are

equipped with radar, mounts for .50 calibre and 7.62 mm machineguns, a siren and a public address system.

"All they have to do is put in the gas and go," Longo said.

The Coast Guard boats will be powered by 225-horsepower outboard motors, the company said. King Fahd's boats will be outfitted with 600-horsepower motors.

The only touches of luxury on the six-passenger boats for the king are bigger seats and thicker cushions, Boston Whaler said. They will be used to ferry him from his yacht to shore.

Boston Whaler has been making boats for 30 years, most of them pleasure craft, but just completed a \$5 million order for 122 boats for the US Marine Corps.

Longo said the US naval base in Puerto Rico has received two boats identical to the ones for Saudi Arabia.



Austrian Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Dr Alois Mock yesterday accompanied Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hamoud Al Roqabah, during a visit to Kuwait's first reverse osmosis water desalination station.

Two Irishmen plead innocent in kidnap case

DUBAI, Nov. 1. (Reuters): Two Irishmen charged with the attempted kidnap of a five-year-old girl from her father in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have pleaded not guilty, court officials said today.

The Khor Fakkan Criminal Court, in the north of the country, staged the first hearing yesterday.

Police arrested Gerard Flynn, 25, and Dennis Denehy, 28, on Sept 4 after they took Nadine, the daughter of Jordanian Dr Sameer Nassir, from his house. Police said the Irishmen intended to take the girl back to her mother in Dublin.

Anne McManus, a nurse and former wife of Nassir, is being tried in her absence for complicity in the attempted kidnap.

At the hearing, the defence challenged Nassir to produce the documentary evidence which he said he had from a Jordanian court giving him custody of the little girl.

The defence also said the father had not sent money to maintain his daughter while she was living in Ireland.

Nassir told the hearing the two men did not hurt him or his current wife but had warned him not to resist because they were stronger.

The court ordered Nassir to produce the custody documents and evidence of maintenance at the next hearing scheduled for Monday, the officials said.

Phone bills can be paid at banks

BEGINNING Tuesday telephone bills could be paid to any local bank, according to an official source at the Ministry of Communications.

This service is part of the ministry's endeavours to collect outstanding telephone fees and reduce the accumulation of bills, the source added.

Man sentenced on liquor charge

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to one year in jail with hard labour, a fine of KD5,000 and a custom fine of KD852 for possession of a large quantity of liquor.

The court acquitted another man charged with trading in liquor, but fined him KD500 for smuggling liquor into the country for his personal use.

The court was told that police seized 145 bottles of whiskey from the home of the first defendant.

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Mines pose pollution threat, officials say

KUWAIT, Nov. 1. (Agencies): Mines lying in the Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war could pose a "very dangerous" pollution threat to the waterway because of the danger they will hit tankers or oil rigs, a senior environmental official warned today.

Badriya Al Awadi, co-ordinator of the 8-member Regional Organisation for the Protection of Marine Environment, told the Associated Press that the organisation's member states lack the information and equipment to locate and remove mines and will have to depend on foreign naval forces in the Gulf.

"These mines may hit oil tankers, they may hit one of the oil wells," she said. "They constitute a source of potential threat."

The environmental organisa-

tion groups Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Iran.

The region sits on one-third of the world's proven oil reserves and provides one-fifth of the non-communist world's supplies.

Health and planning ministers of the Kuwait-based organisation's member states were meeting for a two-day emergency session at its headquarters to discuss ways of clearing the Gulf of the debris of the 8-year-old Gulf war.

The shooting stopped with an Aug 20 ceasefire. Peace talks, which resumed in Geneva on Monday, have stalled.

Mines are not the only problem. The Gulf, which is studded with offshore oil plat-

forms, is also strewn with sunken ships and unexploded bombs.

When the conference opened on Monday, officials called for international assistance to rid the waterway of these menaces because other countries need safe searoutes as much as the Gulf states.

"We're all in one boat," said Kuwaiti Planning Minister Abdel Rahman Al Awadi. Ms Awadi's brother.

US and European mine-sweepers are currently clearing the waterway, but naval officials have warned Gulf states they were not paying enough attention to the problem themselves.

US naval officers estimate there are 150-200 mines in the northern part of the Gulf close to the former war zone.

Ms Awadi denied Western accusations that the Gulf states have not co-operated enough with foreign Navies and insisted that the mine clearance is "an international responsibility."

"Clearing mines is a very difficult task... We don't know the exact location of these mines, and even if we did, we lack the equipment," she said.

"Ensuring the safety of navigation in this waterway is the responsibility of the entire international community, which has benefitted from the freedom and safety of navigation that prevailed in this area for years," she said.

"I think it's high time for the international community to shoulder responsibility by co-operating with... members of the organisation to clear this waterway," she said.

"The conference will consider what we can do jointly, what we can do on the national level, each member state within their territorial waters, and what we can do in international waters of the Gulf."

Meanwhile an Iranian official said that political differences should not obstruct regional co-operation in protecting and preserving marine environment and "we should think of the future of the next generation to live in this area."

Dr Mohammed Ali Abdali, head of the Iranian delegation to the two-day meeting of the Regional Organisation for Protection of Marine Environment said in an interview with KUNA that Iran is ready for real co-operation with all the region's states to protect their waters from pollution.

Japan Week celebrations begin Friday

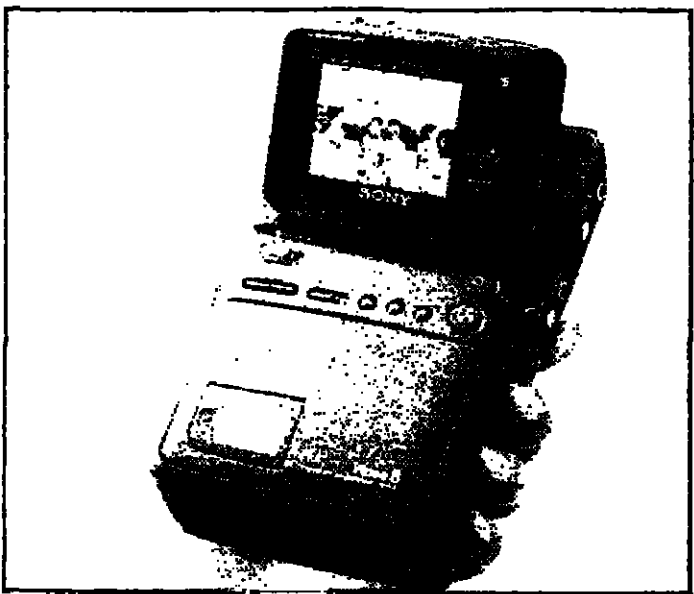
JAPAN Week celebrations will be held at the Hilton Hotel from Friday till noon of Tuesday.

Organized by the embassy of Japan, the Japanese community and an international organisation, the week-long event will feature an exhibition representing the two faces of Japan — its treasured cultural traditions and its world-renowned prowess in state-of-the-art electronic technology.

The cultural presentation will feature a kite-flying exhibition at the Green Island in Salmiya on Friday. At the Hilton, there will be a Japanese drum playing exhibition called "Osuwa Daiko."

A traditional Japanese dance known as "Bon Odori" will also be presented at the hotel. Traditional Japanese toys will be displayed and a demonstration on "Ikebana," Japanese flower arranging, will be one of the highlights of the cultural presentation.

The modern aspect of Japan will be depicted in a display of hi-tech electronic products. Various electronic



Sony Video Walkman GV-8.

companies have been invited to exhibit their top-of-the-line audio and video equipment.

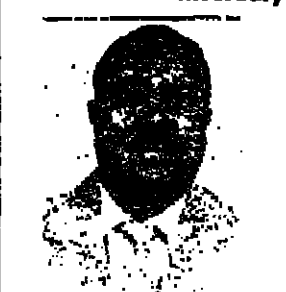
Expected to capture the delight of the public during the electronic exhibition is Sony's latest invention, the Sony Video Walkman GV-8. It is a compact 3-inch screen colour TV that is combined with a video player

and recorder.

Using the 8mm video cassette, Video Walkman can record the programme aired over the TV, play back pre-recorded tapes and can work as playback/recorder for an 8mm video camera.

The exhibition is open to the public.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Drug control policy eased

BAHRAIN has eased its medical drug control policy to avoid delays in importing certain drugs.

The "flexible" policy has been initiated at the directive of the Health Minister Jawad Al Arayed, who was approached by the island's pharmacists.

Al Arayed appointed a committee to study the problems. The panel is headed by Dr Faisal Al Moosawi, assistant undersecretary for medical services.

Dr Ramsay Foyez, supervisor of the drug control section and member of the committee, said the drug registration policy has now been liberalised to the benefit of pharmacists, especially leading drug importers and private hospitals.

"Private hospitals can now import drugs directly or pharmacies can import them for the hospitals even if they are not registered with the drug control section of the Health Ministry," he said.

Dr Foyez said it was also decided to no longer cancel the registration of drugs which have not been imported to the island for more than two years.

Pharmacies are also allowed to keep free medical samples on their shelves, but only in the original packets or cartons.

A number of pharmacies in the island provided their samples free to the patients when the actual stock runs out. He said that the pharmacies were also allowed to import their free samples from the drug companies' regional stores in the Gulf or the Middle East.

"The committee has now decided to have only one registration for the same drug even if their strength varies," Dr Foyez said.

Blood donation programme

THE Gulf Hotel held a blood donation programme recently. This is the third time since 1985 the hotel has conducted the programme.

This year the donation session was co-ordinated with the Bahrain Blood Bank by Gulf Hotel's Personnel and Training Manager, Moosa Ali and resident nurse Eriquetta Villagracia.

More than 60 members of the hotel's staff and management volunteered as donors.

Waldheim's wife visits Sadu House



Elizabeth Waldheim is shown visiting Kuwait's Social Welfare Houses.

KUWAIT, Nov. 1. (KUNA): Elizabeth Waldheim, wife of visiting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, and her accompanying delegation visited Sadu (bedouin weaving) House today.

She was greeted by the director of Sadu House, Sheikh Al Safar Al Ali, and some of the founding members of the house, who guided Mrs Waldheim around its various pavilions.

Sheikh Al Ali also explained the methods of woollen weaving.

performed by some bedouin women.

She then presented the guest with a Sadu piece.

At the conclusion of the tour, Mrs Waldheim expressed her happiness over the visit, thanking her hosts for the hospitality she and her accompanying delegation were accorded throughout the tour.

Waldheim's wife also visited Kuwait's Social Welfare Houses today.

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MEDICINE**An impossible dream comes true**

By Earleen Fischer

NEW DELHI, India (AP): In less than 20 years, Naresh Trehan became one of the top heart surgeons in New York City, with an income of \$5.1 million a year, a Manhattan apartment, a beach-front house and two cars in the garage.

He wanted to return to India with his wife and two children. But during exploratory trips back home, he found no place where he was willing to work.

So he set out to fulfill a new dream: a world-class heart hospital in India, equipped with state-of-the-art computers and staffed with Indians who had set career goals their country could not accommodate.

His dream became a reality when the 170-bed Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre opened in New Delhi last month.

"It's like climbing a new mountain," the 42-year-old Trehan said. "It's a passion for me to come back and train others."

In New York, Trehan performed heart bypass operations and heart transplants. He was director of cardiovascular surgery at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital, and he remains an associate professor of surgery at New York University.

Some years at least 10 per cent of his patients were fellow Indians. Trehan reasoned that wealthy Indians who go abroad for heart surgery would pay comparable prices for the same quality of treatment at home—while saving the cost of air fare and the hassle of travel.

Their fees would help offset free or subsidized treatment for others.

Trehan enlisted the wealthy Nanda industrial family to help bankroll the new hospital, whose start-up cost was budgeted at \$20 million and, according to Trehan, will probably rise. The name Escorts comes from the group of companies owned by the Nandas.

News of the project spread by word of mouth among Indian doctors working in the United States and Western

Europe.

"I was always thinking that we could do it here," said Dr. Sunil Sharma, who quit a job at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., to become the Escorts Centre's chief bacteriologist and infection control officer.

Sharma, 33, declined to disclose his past or present salary, but he said he now earns about one-tenth of what he made in Washington.

The main attraction, he said, was the chance to live and work among his own people.

"The standard of living is so high abroad, but we are more emotionally attached to our patients here," Sharma said. "In the States, everybody is afraid of malpractice (suits), but here we treat from the core of our hearts."

Of the 30 doctors now on staff at Escorts, 12 have returned from abroad.

There were more mundane problems to deal with in establishing the new heart centre.

"This hospital is going to be 100 per cent fly-proof," Trehan declared as he strode across the polished-stone lobby to the front door where a powerful downdraft of air from the ceiling thwarts entry of flies and mosquitoes.

Flies seem to be a standard part of hospital life in India, along with families who camp in the courtyards and hallways, cook meals and try to keep track of a noisy assortment of half-naked children.

At J.P. Narain Hospital, one of New Delhi's largest, it is possible to walk in off the street and wander through corridors and wards without being questioned. People lie on the floors, and barefoot women in tattered saris flail the hallways with twig brooms that stir up dust without sweeping it away.

At the Escorts Centre, security guards have been employed to check visitors for passes.

"We are training our staff to a totally different level," Trehan said. "And for the first time, we have introduced a housekeeping service similar to that in hotels."

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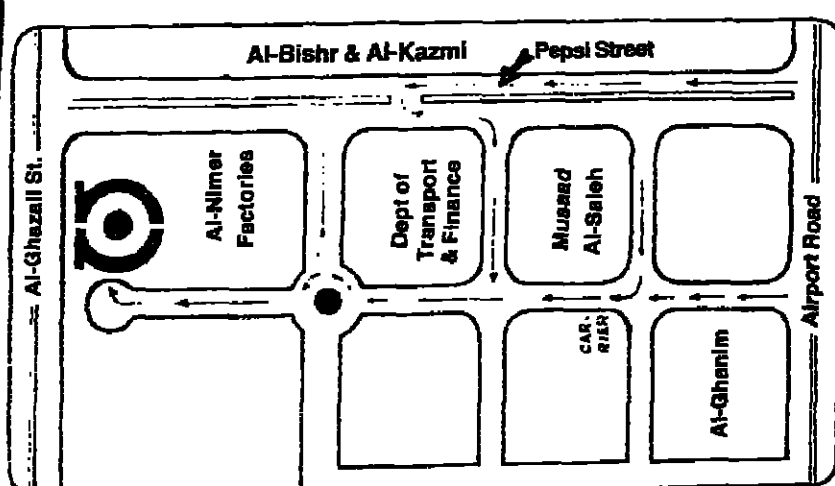
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Battle for Afghan cities will be hard

By Earleen Fisher

HERAT, Afghanistan. (AP) As sunlight leaves the mud-brick ruins and bombed-out houses in this provincial capital each day, the gunfire begins.

Herat, with a population of 100,000 people, is one of the cities the government considers "safe" because Soviet troops are still present and the government professes it will be able to defend the city even after the Soviets are scheduled to leave this winter.

But facts seem to contradict the government claim. The guerrillas are about 19 to 21 kms (12 to 13 miles) outside the city, according to Juma Mohammad, provincial commander of the Sarandoy, a paramilitary armoured force whose troops are considered more loyal and better trained than the Afghan Army's rank and file.

But the outgoing fire at night in Herat seems aimed at an enemy much closer.

Most of the fire sounds no larger than .50-calibre — with a range of about 2.5 kms (one and one-half miles).

Firing
The mortars, used by Sarandoy troops ensconced in Herat's 14th century citadel, show signs of recent firing and have a maximum range of about eight kms (five miles).

In the Afghan capital of Kabul diplomats from a variety of non-Soviet bloc nations predict Herat, the country's third-largest city, will fall quickly to the mujahedeen after Soviet troops pull out. The Soviet government has pledged to withdraw the last of its forces by Feb 15, 1989, in accordance with a UN-mediated agreement.

But Soviet troops left the second largest Afghan city, Kandahar, this past summer, and the mujahedeen have failed to dislodge the garrison of government troops.

"For many months, the mujahedeen have fired 100 rockets a day, 100 rockets a night at Kandahar, but the town has not yet collapsed," said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Kabul (the capital) will be the same way," he

said. Rockets land in Kabul several times a week, sometimes by the scores. Most of the time the damage is insignificant.

Vulnerable
But the cities are more vulnerable to siege tactics than attacks the mujahedeen can mount with their poorly targeted rockets.

The capture of either Kandahar or Herat would deal a major psychological blow to the Soviet-style government in the capital. The capture of Kabul would be tantamount to victory for the guerrillas who strike from the mountains.

Whether or not they can win through military assault — as advocates of Washington's policy insist they can — the mujahedeen are in good positions to cut the cities off from supplies of food, fuel and military reinforcements.

Kabul gets a periodic taste of this when the mujahedeen cut the roads leading to the capital, causing sugar to disappear from the markets and doubling the prices of dwindling flour stocks.

Herat is even more vulnerable. Fuel comes from the Soviet Union, a two-hour drive up the 140 kms (95-mile) highway to the Afghan border town of Torgundi, when the road is not blocked by winter snows or year-round guerrillas. Fuel is needed for automobiles, heating, cooking and running the plant that provides electricity by night for a few prosperous neighbourhoods, government institutions and hospitals.

Mills
Wheat fields surround Herat, but the city depends on two mills to grind the grain into flour for the flat brown bread that with meat and rice are the staples of the Afghan diet. One of the mills needs fuel to operate. The other is water-powered.

There are other factors threatening government rule of the city. The guerrillas surrounding Herat are led by one of the mujahedeen's most capable commanders, Ismail Khan of Jamiat-Islami, the largest of the seven Pakistani-based guerrilla groups.

Prospects for peace bleak in Lebanon

By John Fullerton

BEIRUT. (Reuters) The threat of Lebanon being formally divided into sectarian mini-states has receded, but some diplomats say long-term prospects for peace remain bleak.

Lebanon's Christians and Muslims are like a married couple, grown weary of each other but still living in the same house for the sake of convenience, according to one diplomat.

And Lebanon is in danger of getting used to separation, if not proper divorce.

"People realise that partition isn't viable," said a Western diplomat.

"But the longer the stalemate continues, the less chance there is of electing a new president."

Syria says it wants to avoid a military confrontation with the country's rightwing Christian leaders.

For their part, the Christians say they will not open a new round of civil war.

Obsolete

All the major parties seem to agree that the religious power-sharing system established in 1943 and favouring the Christian Maronite majority is obsolete.

But no-one appears able or willing to compromise by taking the initiative in setting negotiations bridging the ideological and religious barriers to find a new formula, diplomats say.

Lebanon has passed through 13 years of civil war, but over the last two months it has teetered for the first time on the edge of constitutional chaos.

The Lebanese parliament twice failed to vote in a successor to outgoing President Amin Gemayel.

At the last moment, Gemayel appointed Army commander General Michel Aoun as head of an interim Christian administration, rivaling the Muslim-led caretaker cabinet in west Beirut.

Aoun and militia chief Samir Geagea, his partner in the anti-Syrian coalition, insist Lebanon's problems can be sorted out

by negotiations once Damascus withdraws its 25,000 troops.

For the Syrians, their Christian rivals have a very selective view of Lebanese history.

Syrian troops entered Lebanon in 1976, ostensibly as part of an Arab deterrent force designed to end the civil war.

Syria's soldiers first intervened on the side of the Christians, who were in danger of being overrun by a coalition of leftist forces led by Druze leader Kamal Jumblatt.

Damascus has long declared its aim as the unification of Lebanon and preventing any single community from dominating others. It wants the political system reformed, curtailing Maronite prerogatives to give Muslims a greater say.

Diplomats thought it highly unlikely, therefore, that Syria would bow to Christian demands to withdraw, at least without having first set in motion wide-ranging political reforms.

While Syria reviews its options, the current political deadlock is set to continue at least for several months.

Immobility

Immobility has been reinforced by events elsewhere. American policy is on hold until after the US presidential election.

In the meantime, both Syria's allies and their Christian foes are building up their respective paramilitary forces.

Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia has received substantial armour and artillery from Iraq.

In turn, there have been reports that the mainstream Shi'ite Amal Movement has been resupplied with arms from Syria.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah is reported to be strengthening its presence in south Lebanon, while diplomats say guerrillas loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat have received new shipments of arms from Iraq and North Yemen.

One diplomat said the Lebanese were adept at chanting to differing circumstances.

Electoral college members have last say

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) America's next president will be formally selected by 538 obscure individuals more than a month after the rest of the nation votes.

As many as 100 million Americans will cast their ballots on Nov 8, ending a costly marathon in which the first entrant announced his candidacy more than two years earlier.

Tallied

But that exercise of democracy is subject to final approval by the electoral college, an arcane device set up by America's founding fathers in the 18th century to keep the choice of the president in the hands of the country's elite.

As a consequence voters on Nov 8 will actually elect slates of college members pledged to either Democrat Michael Dukakis or Republican George Bush.

The college electors, in turn, cast their presidential ballots in their state capitals on Dec 19 and

the votes are tallied in the presence of the House and Senate in the first week of January.

Electoral votes are allotted to the states in rough proportion to population. Each state has the same number of electors as members of Congress.

As a rule, the winner of the popular vote in a state wins all of that state's electors whether the popular vote margin is one or one thousand.

Winning the election requires a majority of the 538 electoral votes and California, with 47 electors, is the biggest prize. Six states and Washington, DC have just three electoral votes.

Concentrate
It is theoretically possible to win the 270 necessary electoral votes by winning just the 12 largest states and that means the presidential candidates generally concentrate their efforts in the big states.

As initially devised, electors

were typically chosen by state legislatures. Over the years the choice of electors has been handed over to voters and the popular vote winner across the country has generally become president.

But in 1824, 1876 and 1888 the popular vote winner failed to become president because he was unable to secure a majority in the electoral college.

In recent elections, electoral college margins have been much bigger than the popular majorities.

John Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by 49.7-to-49.5 per cent in the popular vote in 1960, but captured a solid 56.4 per cent of the electoral votes because of narrow victories in a number of large states.

A shift of about 5,000 votes in Illinois and about 24,000 votes in Texas that year would have switched enough electoral votes to

put Nixon in the White House while keeping the popular vote slightly in Kennedy's favour.

The Kennedy-Nixon race also illustrated the potential for mischief by the electors, when 15 electors voted for conservative Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd.

Mischief

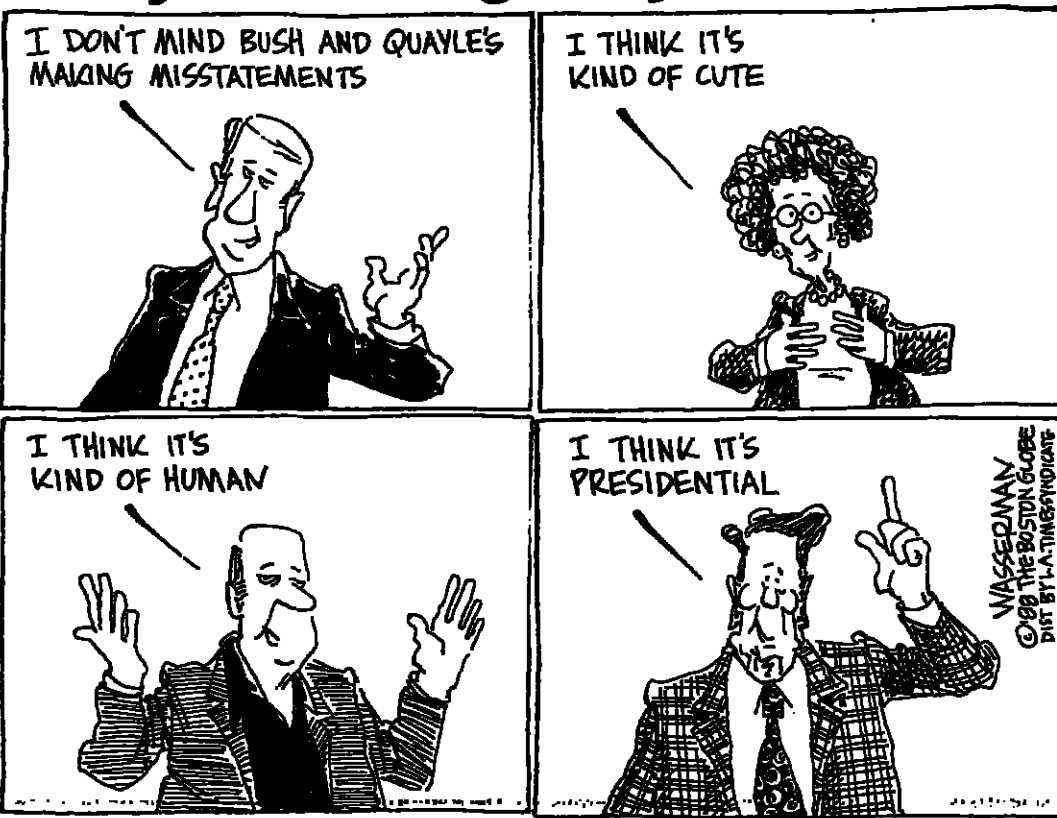
Mississippi voters chose an unpledged slate of electors, who cast their eight votes for Byrd. Six electors in Alabama, which voted heavily for Kennedy, and one elector in Oklahoma, which backed Nixon, also opted for Byrd.

Such deviations are rare. No elector has gone against the voters' wishes since the 1976 matchup between Republican President Gerald Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter.

That year, a Republican elector in Washington state jumped the gun by four years and voted for Ronald Reagan.

Four years earlier, a Republican elector from Virginia turned his back on Richard Nixon and voted for libertarian candidate John Hospers.

Quayle making very little news



Michael Dukakis, I'd have to sit there and yell too," he says. "But Quayle's audience is mostly on his side. He does not draw large numbers of people — no mass rallies where thousands turn out.

With a boyish, almost shy demeanour, he delivers plain-spoken remarks in flat Midwestern tones.

He is the picture of relaxation at friendly stops. At the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church annual barbecue in the autumn-tinted hills outside this southern city, Quayle in a crisp grey suit, white

shirt and red tie strolled amiably through the country-casual crowd.

He said at a picnic table signing autographs while a busload of reporters trailing him tried to decide between watching him or ordering food.

Speech
After 20 minutes, and no speech-making, he slid into the back seat of his four-door Mercury Grand Marquis with the governor of North Carolina. En route to his next stop he ate the pork, slaw and stew the church ladies had turned out.

As campaign stops go, it was a

picture instead of a thousand words.

"The biggest news Quayle has made recently, in fact, came in mid-October when he proclaimed he was tired of being kept under tight supervision of Bush campaign aides and would henceforth speak for himself.

Now he sometimes mixes with the reporters on his campaign plane and usually stops to answer questions from journalists waiting at curbside and on hotel doorsteps.

Even so, he has become a cautious candidate who creates little wake in his passing.

Leftist ideology most visible at El Salvador's universities

By Douglas Grant Mine

SAN SALVADOR. El Salvador. (AP) Centrists govern El Salvador and rightists control its legislature, but at the National University, leftist ideology is the most visible.

Portraits of Che Guevara and Farabundo Marti, the revolutionary after whom El Salvador's Marxist-led guerrilla Army is named, look down from campus walls on students making their way between classes.

Funding
"Long live the people up in arms" reads a slogan on the humanities school facade. Leftists folk songs boom over the public address system.

The 9-year-old civil war pitting the guerrillas against forces of the US-backed government has radicalised at least part of the 35,000-student University of El Salvador, the country's most important institution of higher learning.

Conservative groups in this country of 5.5 million people say

the university has become a gathering place for subversives in the heart of the capital. But some students, teachers and alumni say radical student unions do not represent the majority.

The UES, like almost all national universities in Latin America, receives state funding but is autonomous. The military-dominated government has virtually nothing to do with administration and may not legally send police or soldiers onto its grounds, although that did not prevent it from invading the campus in 1980 and shutting it down for four years.

When Christian Democratic President Jose Napoleon Duarte visited last year to survey damage done by a devastating earthquake, he was drowned out by catcalls and insults when he tried to speak.

"If we examine the institutions

that identify with the needs and aspirations of the Salvadoran people, we find they are all politicised. Because we are in the middle of a war," said Luis Argueta Antillon, the school's rector and a leftist economist.

"These institutions cannot withdraw themselves from that war. No one can remain neutral," he said.

A conservative alumni group, in paid announcements published last month, alleged that "the standard bearers of terrorism" had taken over the student body with the object of "fomenting social disorder."

Pretext
The group said student unions were using the demand for increased government spending on education as a pretext to take to the streets "to commit acts of terrorism."

On Sept 13, about 3,000 students marched to press for more funds. About 200 of the marchers wore hats and bandannas over their faces and carried iron staves or nail-studded wooden clubs.

Military authorities say that among the masked marchers are guerrilla militiamen or "urban commandos."

The Sept 13 march ended in a melee of tear gas and flailing nightsticks as 300 riot troopers dispersed the demonstrators. The driver of a police tank truck was killed, allegedly by fire from one of the marchers.

Some 250 people were arrested. Fourteen were charged with subversive affiliation, but all were eventually released for lack of evidence.

Argueta expressed concern that security forces frustrated at seeing those they consider subversives released by the courts could resort to "disappearances" and killings to quell student fervour.

On Oct 3, two young men carrying books entered a univer-

sity cafeteria, walked up to custodian Raul Escamilla, pulled out revolvers and shot him to death.

The university issued a communique condemning the slaying as "part of a government and military campaign against the university."

Escamilla, 34, had been arrested by the national police and held for several days last year on suspicion of affiliation with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Eli Ruiz, a journalism professor, worries about the effect of the activism on the school's academic level.

"The effort to keep classes from politicising is constant," said Ruiz. He said he tries to teach according to "scientific" criteria.

Conflict
"But because of the context of conflict, that is very difficult," he said.

Argueta said, "we cannot think in terms of academic level for its own sake." He said doctors graduated from the medical school had enjoyed success in North America and Europe, a testament to their training.

"But the fact we turned out good doctors did not lower our infant mortality rate, or provide better conditions of public health or increase life expectancy," he said.

Argueta is presiding over a curriculum overhaul that would oblige future graduates to contribute 500 hours of "school service" in their fields.

Asked why no leftist or rightist student union had formed, he noted that 75 per cent of the student body was from worker or peasant homes.

"The expressions of the centre and the right are minority expressions. Realising they are in the minority, they don't want to get into an open confrontation of ideas," he said.

Life will be difficult for next US president

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) Scoring victory in the presidential election George Bush is counting the days to the Nov 8 poll, seemingly oblivious to a cloud gathering on the political horizon.

"Things are moving now. This is the time when you sense movement...I can hardly believe that we're getting right down to the wire," the Republican candidate told a crowd in Montana the other day.

But evidence is increasing that whoever wins this ballot, Bush or Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis, may have to govern an electorate soured and turned off by the campaign itself.

For the immediate short term Bush has good reason to be optimistic in the waning days of the campaign.

He leads Dukakis in every major public opinion poll by margins ranging from eight to 13 percentage points. By every yardstick he seems poised for a big win.

Optimism
Reflecting the buoyant optimism that now pervades his entourage, campaign manager Lee Atwater said: "I think the vice-president is a happy warrior and in big races I have always found the candidate that seems to be enjoying himself in the stretch is the candidate who wins."

But the same polls that show Bush well out front indicate there may be a pipper to pay in the form of disgruntled citizens who say they have little regard for either candidate.

Political and government experts say the nasty, negative tone of the campaign and the failure of either Bush or Dukakis to spell out a clear plan for the future will make it harder for either to govern.

The potential for government stalemate seems greater for Bush, who would almost certainly be faced with a Congress controlled by the opposition party. The Democrats now enjoy a 255-177 majority in the House and a 54-46 lead in the Senate.

Raymond Moore, a presidential historian at the University of South Carolina, said the campaign had been "absolutely scurrilous" and its shallowness may have eroded the goodwill that usually is extended to a new president.

Conservative columnist George Will wrote that "the real winner is already clear: Congress. It will fill the vacuum created by the election of whichever of these guys gets preferred because he is not the other guy."

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Prague charts conservative course

By Allison Smaile

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia. (AP) Unimpressed with sweeping reforms in the Soviet Union or increasing demands for change at home, Czechoslovakia's communist leaders are holding firm to conservative policies pursued since 1968, when Warsaw Pact tanks crushed the "Prague Spring" reforms.

The tough police reaction to a mass protest in Prague on Friday and an earlier demonstration in August signalled the authorities will not tolerate public expressions of a popular desire for more freedom.

For the thousands of peaceful protesters, the knowledge that two mass rallies have taken place for the first time in 19 years could strengthen their resolve in demanding a more democratic society.

The next public show of support for this demand is likely to come Dec 10 on International Human Rights Day. A demonstration called for that day last year by the Charter 77 human rights movement attracted a few thousand supportive onlookers.

Democracy
Czechoslovakia was an independent democracy for 20 years before World War II and has a long tradition of civil movements predating independence in 1918.

The 70th anniversary of that independence was the occasion for Friday's rally in Wenceslas Square, 24 hours after the government organized its own mass celebration of the anniversary for the first time in four decades of communist rule.

The two events were sharply contrasting. Dissident filmmaker Stanislav Milota said in an interview that the official rally seemed ritualized, while the banned independent gathering appeared to be a more genuine expression of national sentiment.

"The government, at their rally, didn't sing the national anthem, which was played by an interior ministry band and sung by an interior ministry choir" and not taken up by the organized, massed crowd, Milota said.

By contrast, on Friday, thousands of people sang the National Anthem with great feeling before riot police with truncheons goosestepped down the square toward a core of hundreds of protesters who unflinchingly stood their ground.

president.

"It weakens his political power and his capacity to influence voters and Congress," Moore said of the campaign's nasty edge. "There will be a lot of leftover bitterness and we may have a very short honeymoon."

Bush has alternated promises of a "kinder, gentler nation," with political eye-gouging that has reduced Democratic rival Dukakis to begging for a discussion of the issues.

He has raised doubts about Dukakis's patriotism and depicted him as an ultra-liberal who coddles criminals.

The Democrat, who says he did not enter public life "to cut up the other guy," also says he erred by failing to fling back the mud sooner and has accused Bush of lying and racism.

Exasperated voters say they are fed up and many confess they will go to the polls to vote against the man they like least rather than for someone they admire.

An NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released last week said more than 60 per cent of voters wish there were other choices besides Bush and Dukakis. More than half felt both were conducting "negative" campaigns.

Tough
Political experts say that discontent means it will be tough for the next president to rally the public to his side in policy disputes with Congress.

Kevin Phillips, a Republican political analyst, said Bush's decision to launch a bare-knuckled assault made good political sense but may haunt him if he wins.

Bush is likely to win without any sense of what he stands for and with polls consistently showing 50-60 per cent of the voters are unhappy with the campaign. That's a horrible legacy to bring to inauguration day," Phillips said.

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VIDEO CORNER

'No-more-cigars-and-ice' shock

By Gail Seery

I THOUGHT I was on to something good here. Hard as it may be to believe, in this film, there are absolutely no fast cars at all, not even a little one. However, on the other hand, there is a musical interlude, so I suppose we're back where we started really.

In the opening sequences of the film, Peter O'Toole, playing a wealthy and malingering Count, quotes from Aeschylus Oedipus Rex. It is a prophetic quote, "Call no man happy until he is dead," but it is totally out of place in those early stages of the film. The film is about man's tendency to mar whatever he touches, and the four central characters, the Count, his wife, Larsen and Usabio the servant take a deserted island and make it a hell. At the end of the film only one man is left alive.

The Far Side of Paradise is nevertheless, a tedious sort of film. The dialogue is stilted and

everyone seems to speak his or her lines through clenched teeth. An accomplished actor like Peter O'Toole lift his character above the complex and unlikely.

The Count and his ex-night-club singer wife Julia have found themselves an island to flee to in the 1930s when Europe is about to fall into war. He is fabulously wealthy, and makes his desert island existence into something most people never attain.

His wife is beautiful, and essentially good. Not surprisingly therefore, she is the one who suffers most. The Count thinks he suffers most. He is diffident, sensitive and quasi-intellectual. "I couldn't stand Europe another day," he tells his hired friend Larsen. He indulges in a sort of fashionable lack of health, though on the few occasions he is tested, he copes well. Larsen sums it up later: "sickness is just another one of his luxuries." He also indulges in being haunted by his dead

mistress, who stabbed him and killed herself. All in all, he is not the sort of man I would want to spend even five minutes with on a desert island.

Initially there is no radio and no gun on the island, and then his ex-wife turns up — well, she would, wouldn't she? So they have lots of parties, and live a very comfortable existence until she and her friends sail away again. But it's once they sail away that the descent into hell begins.

Before they go, they slaughter every available living thing on the island. Julia remonstrates with them, but as she is only a former night club singer they take no notice. "Hunting is the only way for us to be intimate with nature," she is told — an interesting concept perhaps. At this stage I was following the plot beautifully except for one small thing — where did the band come from?

Once everyone (including the band) has left, they are alone again. The worst thing about

the bright young socialites who formed the man core of the visitors, is that they have totally damaged the idyllic peace of the place — they smoked all the cigars and ate most of the marmalade. Yes, this film is about suffering and deprivation.

"You always wanted to be alone on an island," they tell the Count. "Yes, but I wanted it to be suitable with a proper house and decent grounds."

Then gradually the terror and awfulness of their position strikes him. Maybe the supply ship has been impounded or torpedoed? "You know what this means don't you," says the Count. "I can smoke only one cigar a day." Horror! This is the most dreadful moment of the film. This must have been what Aeschylus meant!

Larsen takes charge. "We don't have the island anymore. It has us." Then immediately, while the audience is still reeling from the no-more-cigars shock, they are beset by

another overwhelming hardship — no more ice. This is the last straw for the servant. "But we've always had ice!"

Fortunately the story veers away from other examples of hardship, like having to eat sandwiches with the crusts not cut off, or a serious lack of caviar. There is only so much squalor the viewer can take. Julia becomes the most coveted item on the island, except for cigars, and it is here that the violence escalates. "Everything belongs to all now," says Larsen.

The film ends with the Count alone on an island of dead bodies. If you don't consider the height of deprivation to be a lack of cigars and ice, and tend to lose patience with actors who speak their lines through clenched teeth after the first hour, avoid this film. On the other hand it is quite pretty and the colours are nice, though personally I wouldn't like to live in red tent.

By Brian Hollis

ANN Margaret has been missing from the video scene for quite a time now, and makes a welcome return in *A Tiger's Tale*. Bubba (C. Thomas Howell) is a teenager living in a small Texas town with his father (Charles Durning) and his pet tiger. One night while dropping off his unsexy girlfriend at home, he meets her mother (Ann Margaret), and soon his attentions have shifted entirely to her. Although initially she responds very reluctantly to his advances, Bubba persists, and eventually they spend a delightful summer together, tiger in tow. Their time together appears limited as Bubba must soon leave for college, but nature has other ideas.

A Tiger's Tale has a promising theme which treats the older woman/younger man romance in a comic though matter of fact way. But although Ann Margaret gives a good performance, the script is rather weak and Howell has a tendency to overact.

Boxing fans have a choice of two new releases, both of which deal more with the surrounding gangsters, hitmen and pretty

Tiger's tale

girls than with boxing itself.

The *Opponent* is a simple story about the Mafia controlled big fight scene. Bobby Mulligan (Daniel Greene) wants a chance at the big time, and in spite of a Mafia buddy (Giuliano Gemma) who goes around fixing fights, he soon gets a shot at the title challenger. The Mafia tells him to take a dive in the fifth (why always the fifth?), but honest Bobby refuses and gets his right hand broken. Enter girlfriend Anna's father (Ernest Borgnine), who helps Bobby train for the title fight. You see Borgnine was once a boxer who could have been a contender but he took a dive... you know the rest! As an unpretentious knockabout film, *The Opponent* is an undemanding entertainment, but the plot has the kind of predictability normally associated with sunrise and sunset.

Circusman is more of the same stuff except that it deals with the world of illegal bare-knuckle boxing. *Roo-Marcus* (Vernon Wells) has lists of steel and a head like cement. He was cheated out of a legit career by a

corrupt promoter and now it's time for him to quit. But pride and the fact that he has no other talents force him to continue.

If you like action movies no matter how incredible the plot, try *Traxx*. Our hero (Shadroe Stevens), according to the blurb 'has just blown away six terrorists, dynamited a drug smuggling compound, and baked a dozen cookies. He's a chocolate chip off the old Rambo block.' If that's not enough to turn you off, you'll probably enjoy it.

For comedy, British viewers should try the comic strip shot films *Five Go Mad in Dorset*, and *Sadie* (on the same tape), which is written, produced and acted by the stars of *The Young Ones*.

The Nest is a new horror movie which should appeal to most housewives in Kuwait, as it stars their favourite household pet, the cockroach. When an island is ravaged by roaches, scientists conduct an experiment to make a genetically altered roach which will eat other roaches. Of course the experiment goes wrong, with resultant flesh-eating roaches

Hitmen, pretty girls and gangsters abound in *The Opponent*.

devouring humans, cats and dogs. Can Doctor Hubbard convince the town to remain cool while she goes out to locate and destroy the queen mutant roach and the nest?

If you think *The Nest* sounds preposterous, try *The Return of the Killer Tomatoes*. This is the follow up to the *The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*, a copy of which we do not have. However, the first part has apparently gained cult status in the USA, leading to the production of a sequel, which viewers may find zany or just plain crazy, depending on their taste.

From the ridiculous to the sublime, BBC's version of the George Eliot classic *Silas Marner* has been released on video starring Ben Kingsley and Jenny Agutter. Unusually accused of theft and cast out from his home in a 19th century religious community in the Midlands, young Silas seeks solace and solitude in hard work in a new environment. But when he is robbed of his entire savings by the wayward son of the local squire, it seems

he has lost everything a second time. One winter's night a young child mysteriously finds her way into his cottage, and Silas' life is changed forever.

Several Asterix cartoons are available on video, and this week sees the release of a new one, *Asterix in Britain*, a full length feature story. Asterix, British cousin Asterix and Obelix to deliver a magic potion which gives them superhuman strength, to the one town holding out against the Romans. The potion is lost and hopes dwindle until our two heroes discover a new magic potion which ever since has sustained the British in times of trouble — tea! Also new for children are *Cock-a-Do!*, *Doo*, and *Mighty Mouse in The Great Space Race*.

NFL American football has finally started to arrive on a regular basis, and there are also new tapes for Golf, Football, Boxing, Baseball and Tennis fans.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Farwanjiya/Fintax; Video Naul, Tel: 2432805; and Video Club, Tel: 5724372.

WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae. Tel: SAS, ext 413.

SOCIAL

Harvest Festival
NOV 3: 1-5 pm The National Evangelical Church, English Language Congregation, will hold the third Harvest Festival — food, fun, handicrafts, baked goods and other attractions. Come along and enjoy an afternoon's fun.

Kuwait Kannada Koota
NOV 4: 5 pm. Sharq Cooperative Hall, Kuwait. Kannada Koota presents a variety show for the Nehru Centenary Year and Karnataka Rajyotsava. Tel: 5721724; 5610835.

Canadian Women's League
NOV 5: The Canadian ladies will hold a meeting from 4-6 pm. For details ring 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
NOV 6: Kuwait Hilton, Old Failaka Room, 10 am. Interesting news will be shared with ladies at the regular monthly coffee morning on Sunday. All German-speaking ladies are welcome.

Danish Meeting
NOV 11: Daniella invites all Danes to a desert picnic, starting at 10 am. For details call Karen-Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3720182 ext 33.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23: Kuwait Welsh Society holds annual "Tramps Supper". New members welcome. For details phone 3713467.

NRI Lecture

NOV 3: Thurs. 7 pm. Indian Embassy Hall: Kamlesh Gandhi, a leading investment consultant from India, will give a talk on "NRI Investment in Industry." All Indians are welcome.

Bishop's Meeting

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, Ahmadi, will hold meetings to coincide with the visit of the Anglican Bishop for Cyprus and the Gulf.

Nov 2: 6.45 pm. "At home," Nov 3: 1.30 pm: businessmen's luncheon; 7.30 pm: harvest festival; Nov 4: 9.30 pm — city communion and 6.30 pm celebration. For details call 3985924.

SPORTS

Laser Club

NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

Ahmadi Kart Racing

NOV 4 (Friday): Ahmadi kart racing, next to Ahmadi Watertowers. Third round of Ahmadi Challenge Cup plus Kuwait national drivers championship. Gates open at 12.30 pm; racing begins from 1.30 pm. Karts for children and adults available to public between races. For details contact Simon Lloyd — 3982055; Dave Burfoot — 3290300 ext 239.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob AI Musiqar: cartoon series
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Abu Al Fulooos: local serial
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial, starring Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 The Magic of David Copperfield
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Cartoons
5.30 Songs
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial, starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq.

Huda Sultan.
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Afaq Al Fann: focus on art
7.50 Housing: local programme
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman.
10.45 Variety Show: Minal Al Ala Alya, hosted by Tareq Habib
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: a look at how parents cope with diabetic children: robot school and science and fishing.
7.00 Pals: Oscar goes with Sammy and both are involved in an exciting adventure.

7.30 Growing Pains: Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns play the parents who switch roles in this American family show.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: police thriller. Tonight, two rival magicians perform in the same town on the same day — and one of them is killed.
9.30 The Secret World: The River Ganges is considered to be a sacred river by the Hindus in India. A look at the myths and legends of Indian mythology.
10.00 What's Happening Now: A mother-in-law is not very popular in her daughter's home.
10.30 L.A. Law: A realistic look at the life, loves and work of lawyers.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Predator
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger

Al Salmiya
Ana Wal Azzab Wa Huwak (Arabic)
Starring: Walid Taufiq, Sabinn, Wahid Saif

Al Hamra
Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin

Drive-In
Ighthial Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabli

Al Firdous
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Muadhuri Dixit
Granada
Khatta Al Shaithan (Arabic)

Fahakeel Open-Air
Mohabbat Ke Dushman (Hindi)
Al Fahakeel
Al Shawish Hassan (Arabic)
Al Jabra
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars
Sulaibikhat
Super Girl
Al Jeeb
No Dead Heroes
Ahmadi Drive-In
Ighthial Madrasah (Arabic)

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.42 am
Zuhr	11.32
Asr	2.38 pm
Maghreb	5.00
Isha	6.19

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Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Eoola Pharmacy
nr. Dasman Complex,
Ahmad Al Jaber St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hina Pharmacy
Nagra Complex, Main St.

Salmiya and Ruwaithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Abdul Karim Mazal Bldg,
Amman St.

Fahakeel and Ahmadi
Abu Hala Pharmacy
Coastal Road

Jeeb Al Shiyookh
Al Ayub Pharmacy
Shuwaikh Comm. Centre,
Main St.

Jabra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

ARAB TIMES MONTHLY

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COMPETITION NO. 67

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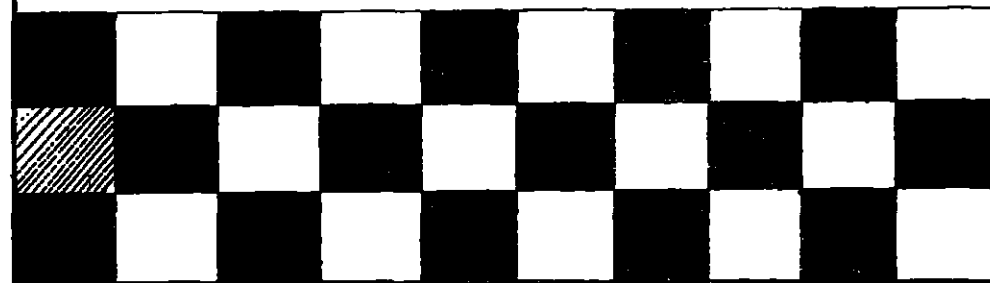
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Top Line: KD 25
Four Corners: KD 25

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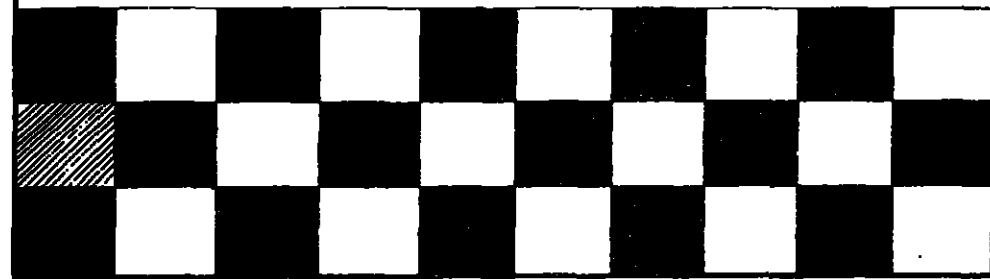
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card and copy card and filled in your name and address, send in your entries, by post, addressed to:

Bingo,
Arab Times,
P.O. Box 2270,
13023 Safat Kuwait.

A surer alternative is to deliver by hand to the Arab Times, Al-Seyassah Building, Airport Road, Shuwaikh.

OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

WHERE does time go? One minute the children are so small that all they do is eat and sleep. The next minute they're young adults, real people, disputing parental decisions with a will and rationale that we wish we had possessed at their age. Most of the growth changes are gradual and barely noticeable on a day-to-day basis. The onset of puberty, however, produces not only less-than-subtle physical transformations, but also a few attitude mutations which warn parents that it won't be long before their "babies" outgrow the nest.

For those of you who have not yet begun to witness any signs of metamorphosis, and wonder what on earth I'm talking about, here are a few clues.

You know your daughter is growing up when she finally considers wearing something other than tatty jeans and too-large T-shirts. She slowly develops a taste for upmarket clothes... and uses her mother's wardrobe as a source for her own budding collection.

You know your daughter is growing up when she makes any excuse to go shopping. Yes, the same person who used to have to be dragged kicking and screaming into any place of commercial activity now finds stimulation in spending money. Mothers who dreamed of the day when their daughters would enjoy shopping with them, find that they can't afford the luxury of this

Growing pains

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adolescent companionship. On the positive side, indulging a daughter's desire for trendy clothes and accessories could relieve the pressure on mother's wardrobe....

You know your daughter is growing up when the girl who wouldn't spend more than a quick minute in the bathtub, for neither love nor money, suddenly won't vacate the bath... for neither love nor money. What's more, these ablutions are enhanced by the addition of mother's special (and expensive) bath oils and creams.

Mothers again run the risk of stock depletion when daughters start taking an interest in perfumes and cosmetics, using mother's supplies to run random samples... with alarming regularity.

Of course, girls aren't the only children who grow up. Boys, too, go through the process. They are perhaps more subtle about it since for them, maturing doesn't require raids into mother's domain. (Heaven help us if that tradition gets discarded!) Nevertheless, changes do occur, changes which eventually come to the attention of complacent parents.

For instance, the lad who, for more than a decade, has to be reminded

each and everyday to "wash your face, brush your teeth, comb your hair", is now taking the time — plenty of time — to check his appearance in the mirror. The face and teeth might still not get too much more than a lick and a promise, but the hair, man, is nothing short of "far out", thanks to the assistance of mousse or gel. Parents much deduce that the style is "in" by the simple fact that they wouldn't be caught dead in it themselves.

Without a doubt, you know your son is growing up when he volunteers the view that not all girls are dumb — a vast improvement over his previous attitude.

Some generalities embrace both sexes. You know a major change is occurring when your child discards cuddly toys in bed in favour of a stereo Walkman.

Other insightful indicators come from observing how children spend their allowance. Money that once got allocated for lollypops and colouring books now goes towards cassettes of the latest rock music, or fad items such as fluorescent plastic shoe laces.

Another sure give-away in growth patterns is the

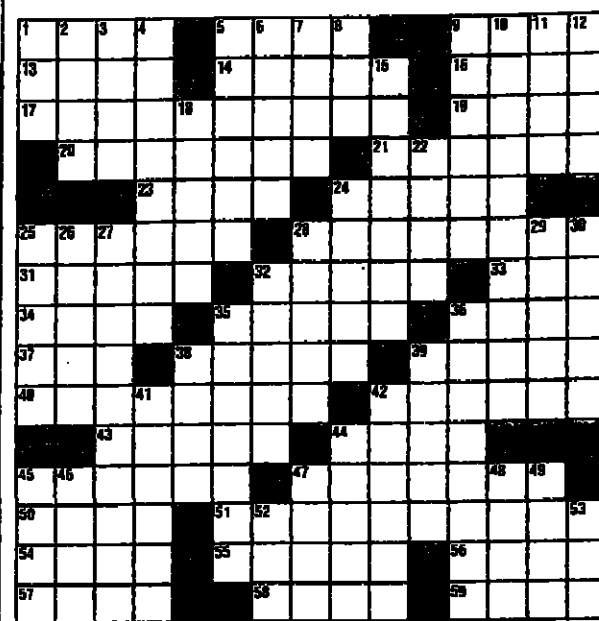
child's developing need for wardrobe consultations. Suddenly, colour co-ordination is cool. After years of bullying the child each morning to "have some pride in yourself. If nothing else, remember that other people have to look at you", the message finally sinks in. Now parents have to allow time to discuss which socks match which shirts, not to mention the application of harmony in colour.

Parents or adolescents learn all too quickly that their "babies" they've also lost their unrestricted telephone privileges. It is a curious fact of life that the telephone rings more frequently (in direct proportion to the number of teens and pre-teens) and few of the calls are for the paying subscribers.

Last, but not least, patterns change, primarily those of eating and sleeping. Formerly picky eaters become noticeably unselective in their desperation to wolf down alarming quantities of not necessarily nourishing nourishment. This is probably a requirement for the prolonged hibernation that adolescents enjoy. Perhaps late-morning lie-ins are Nature's way of allowing parents to have a little peace and quiet, restock the fridge, and tidy up the teen devastation before the next wave strikes.

Or perhaps the intense eating and sleeping regime simply reminds us that our "babies" haven't changed so much after all, they've just come full circle.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Vatican figure
- 5 Undergarment
- 9 — Lee
- 13 Formosa Strait
- 14 "I Pagliacci"
- 16 Not care —
- 17 Social services employee
- 19 Roofing material
- 20 Government of a sort
- 21 Each
- 23 Welesia of
- 24 Sneer
- 25 Penny —
- 28 Stray tom
- 31 Tenant's concern
- 32 Small bottle
- 33 Rosary bead
- 34 Lip
- 35 Apple centers
- 36 Godunov
- 37 Capri under
- 38 Indivisible substance
- 39 Lock
- 40 Lenee's obligation
- 42 Unsullied
- 43 Orange follower
- 44 Tough
- 45 "— santal"
- 47 Queens for one
- 50 — Lisa

DOWN

- 1 Hair-bell
- 2 Sharif
- 3 Sit
- 4 Lorgnette
- 5 Bracket
- 6 Coniferous tree
- 7 Black
- 8 Symbol of easiness
- 9 Accept
- 10 Lawyers' holdalls
- 11 Soapstone
- 12 Blunt sword
- 15 Seers
- 18 Singer Robert of "The Most"
- 19 Happy Fella
- 22 Byron
- 24 Moved sideways
- 25 Journalist Joseph
- 26 Lariat
- 27 Name in railroad lore
- 28 Hiding spot in Polonius

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
AS TRUE AS A WOODEN NICKEL

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH

♠ 8

♥ 10 3

♦ A K J 9 4

♣ K J 10 9 3

WEST EAST

♠ 10 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ Q 8 3

♣ A 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 6 4

♥ A J 9 7 5 4

♦ 6 5

♣ 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass

3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

If you can see that declarer is about to adopt a line that will bring home his contract, there is nothing nefarious about trying to convince him that he is about to make a grievous error. Indeed, it is the bounden duty of every good defender to make the effort, and West surely qualified for a medal of honor with his defense on this deal.

Since the bidding almost surely marked dummy with a singleton spade, West decided that he would try for a club ruff by leading ace of clubs and another. Declarer rose with the table's king, discarding a spade from hand, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. Now if

he could get back to his hand safely to ruff another spade, he could almost surely hold his losers to two trump tricks and the ace of clubs.

Aware of the danger posed by the club suit, declarer decided that, instead, he would return to hand by ruffing the third round of diamonds. He started on that path by cashing the ace-king of diamonds. On the second round West dropped the queen!

Now declarer knew that the queen could easily be a falsecard. He gazed at her highness long and hard, and at his left-hand opponent, but neither offered any clue. Eventually, he chose to ruff a club with the seven, saving his J-9 of trumps for his next ruff back to hand, or to pick up trumps if West overruffed with an honor and led a trump. But that all became academic when West overruffed with the eight and returned a trump. Declarer now still had to concede a spade and a trump trick for down one.



"Aren't you going to introduce him to mother and me first?"



"He always has one for the road — even when we don't go out."

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SALA ARGO ROLL
ENOS SNEER OPIE
WASHINGTON CAMS
SITE SOLE ANKLES
ELBE AMIE
DAMES PRETUL
LISPS RAIN ENID
ANTIL DUCAT LINE
DEER IDES SLOGS
DRESSES STENO
SEER CHER
MANTRA ALOE SSE
AREA STPATRICKS
SLOT EVENS LOUIS
HONE SAIS EITTE

What sort of parent are you?

By Julian Tate

(1). Your child tells you they are in love. Do you:

- a. laugh and say they're too young?
- b. suggest they get engaged?
- c. say you would like to meet their girl/boyfriend?
- d. say that it's not really love but infatuation?

(2). How often do you discuss sex with your children?

- a. Never.
- b. All the time.
- c. When the subject comes up.
- d. Rarely.

(3). Your child comes home with a way out haircut. Do you:

- a. say it suits them?
- b. insist they go back to the hairdressers for a restyle?
- c. lock them in their room?
- d. suggest that purple hair would look better than green?

(4). During a discussion on sex do you:

- a. end up learning the facts of life?
- b. worry about your inexperience?
- c. blush with embarrassment and say you should n't talk about such things?
- d. openly discuss the matter and offer helpful advice?

(5). What time do your children have to be home by?

- a. anytime, so long as it's reasonable.
- b. whenever they like.
- c. when you say.
- d. it depends on what they're doing.

(6). Your teenager tells you that they have three drugs. Do you:

- a. tell them it's something they will have to work out for themselves?
- b. refuse to have anything more to do with them?
- c. suggest they see a doctor immediately?
- d. tell them that harmful drugs are a real pain in the neck?

(7). Your teenager invites you to a party. What is your reaction?

- a. refuse point blank.
- b. say you are looking forward to it.
- c. ask if they really want

It is not always easy being a parent. For these days, teenagers are more involved with rock music and wayout hairstyles than toys and games. So what sort of an attitude do you have to your child? Do this fun quiz and see how you measure up in the parent stakes.



you to come.

d. say you already have a prior engagement.

(8). With your child's important school exams coming up, do you:

- a. insist they do school work seven days a week.
- b. let them decide how hard they work?
- c. forbid them from seeing their friends until the exams are over?
- d. suggest they work during school holiday evenings and relax over the weekend?

(9). Your teenager is pop crazy. Do you:

- a. let them play pop music around the house?
- b. make them listen to classical music instead?
- c. ban all pop music?
- d. insist they listen to it in their bedroom?

(10). Do you influence your child's choice of clothes by:

- a. making them wear your old flares or hand me downs?
- b. buying them clothes whether they like them or not?
- c. doing nothing. You let them wear what they want?
- d. allowing them to buy their own clothes as long as they look smart?

(11). What money arrangements

do you have with your child? Do you:

- a. supply all the money they need?
- b. give them a small allowance?
- c. help when you can?
- d. insist they get a job?

(12). If your child got into trouble with the police, would you:

- a. disown them?
- b. stand by them whatever they have done?
- c. punish them yourself?
- d. create a huge scene and only make the situation worse?

(13). You have different political views to your child. Do you:

- a. refuse to talk to them for at least a month?
- b. insist they change their views?
- c. accept their views and ask how they arrived at them?
- d. laugh and say they're too young to have opinions?

(14). Your child brings home a girlfriend or a different colour or race. Do you:

- a. welcome them as just another friend?
- b. not let them into the house?
- c. seem visibly uncomfortable in their presence?
- d. suggest he/she must be ill?

(15). What do you nag your child about most?

- a. bedtime.
- b. picking up their clothes.
- c. bad language.
- d. forgetting to study.

with theirs, when they want you to. It could mean more freedom and a better understanding.

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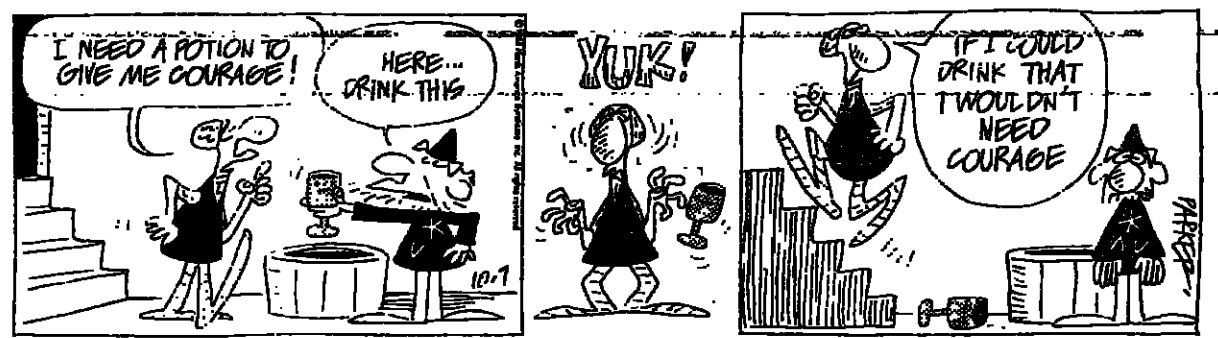
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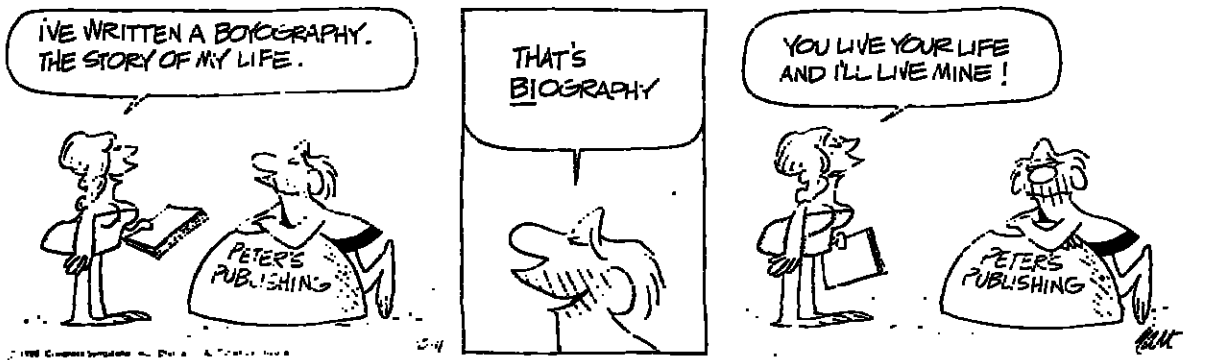
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You will feel more sure of yourself but you must not overstep the limits of your capabilities. You should try to exercise a little more restraint. A tendency to spend recklessly must be curbed. Be provident.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should try to be a little more patient. The situation is a little confused but it will clarify itself very soon. If you accept an invitation do not stay longer than you know you are welcome. Be tactful.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should not allow yourself to be taken in by all the claims that are made for a new device. You should do all you can to avoid losing your temper. Spend a little longer thinking before you act. Be less arrogant.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You ought to finish one thing before embarking on another. If you try to do too many things at once you will end up doing none of them well. You should not take all you are told quite so literally. Be objective.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You would do well to ask your partner's opinion before deciding on a course of action. Things are not at all what they seem so exercise great care. Do not hesitate to ask if you do not know. Be magnanimous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Read the instructions carefully before using a new gadget. You will not get your way in all things but on balance you will not have done badly. Do something that will make your partner happy. Be reasonable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should make sure you do not spend more than you can afford. Avoid making any rash promises. Before you set out for somewhere you have not been before sort out your route carefully. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

At first you will not feel quite sure of yourself. However later on you will regain your usual confidence. Do not neglect your more artistic interests. Be more caring.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You will be able to do something you have not been able to do of late. However you must beware of exaggerating. Make sure you do not run out of some essential supplies at the last moment. Be more tolerant.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The Moon's better influence in harmony with that of Saturn will help you to avoid falling into a trap. You should not take love for granted. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be attentive.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will not make as good progress as you had hoped but you must persevere. Some good advice should not be ignored. And an offer or proposal should be considered most carefully. Be responsive.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should pay more attention to what other people consider to be important. Try not to allow yourself to be intimidated. Do not lose the courage of your convictions. Be less insistent.

Medical illustrator gives police, archaeologists a head start

From a skull to a haunting face

Both police and archaeologists call on artist and medical illustrator Richard Neave when they want to solve the mystery of 'Here is the skull but what did the person look like?' Now he handles anything from a 2,000-year-old mummy to the one remaining mystery man to have died in London's King's Cross underground fire disaster.

By Alex Molloy

THERE is a strange haunting look about the man on the London Metropolitan Police poster, and beneath the picture the simple words: "Do you know this man?"

For he is the one remaining unidentified victim of the disastrous fire at London's King's

Cross underground station which claimed 31 lives, on November 18, 1987.

But there is another reason for the haunting quality of the face—it was so badly burned in the fire that police commissioned a modelled reconstruction in a bid to discover the identity of the body of the man that remains unidentified, unwanted and unclaimed, 10



Richard Neave (right) and his assistant working on a reconstruction drawing

months after the disaster.

The man called in for this macabre job was medical illustrator Richard Neave of Manchester University Medical School in the north of England.

Richard says: "For a reconstruction of this kind I first cast it in plaster as a complete unit to provide the surface on which the face can be built. Then I mark certain parts on the plaster cast of the skull, drill holes in it and insert pegs into the holes to indicate the average thickness of the tissue on a human face."

"I then build on the basic groups of anatomical muscle. It establishes the hard bone and the soft muscle and the face just develops from that. I use modelling clay for the actual face."

"When I was commissioned to rebuild the King's Cross fire victim I went to the mortuary in London where he was being kept and the attendant unzipped the body bag and said: 'There you are, guy. Do you want to take his head off or shall I?' and he handed me a saw. I let him do it."

"Then I carried the head back with me in a parcel and when I was on the train all that I could think was 'What would all these people think if they knew what was in my parcel?'"

But despite the reconstruction and medical and dental evidence provided by forensic scientists, the man's identity still remains a mystery.

Some of Richard Neave's reconstructions have helped bring murderers to justice, but he first became involved in police work only after a TV programme about his work as a medical illustrator with a 2,000-year-old Egyptian mummy.

The body of the 13-year-old girl, though mummified, was reduced by the climate to a dried-out husk more resembling a piece of old leather than an adolescent girl.

Her body was taken from her desert tomb and flown to England where it was unwrapped. For the first time Richard took a cast of skull and reconstructed the face of someone who died more than 300 years before Christ.

Richard, 51, whose main work is to illustrate medical test books and devise the graphics for TV medical programmes, recalls: "The unwrapping of this mummy was a very serious project and lots of people at the university became involved."

"I was asked if I would illustrate any injury that it might have, and in fact both the legs had been amputated from the knee."

"Then I thought it would be a really nice idea to take a plaster cast of the skull and build the face. As an artist it seemed a logical thing to do."

"It took about four weeks to reconstruct and it was fascinating. The finished product was great. The girl was not exactly pretty, but she had a kind of glamour that I found appealing."

After a television programme about the project, a police officer phoned to ask if he could do the same for a body that had been unidentified more than a year.

"I reconstructed the face of a man who eventually turned out to have been a sailor who got drunk, fell into a ditch and drowned in his own vomit. Lots of the skulls I have handled have been accidental deaths or suicides, though I also work on murder cases."

That first mummy reconstruction was in 1975 and since then Richard has rebuilt 15 faces, including Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, and 'Pete Marsh', the ancient Briton found in a peat bog in Cheshire, England, in the mid 1980's.

He says: "I worked in Greece on the skull of Alexander the Great's father, Philip."

Condition
"The skull was in good enough condition for the forensic scientists to determine that he was blind in his right eye and that he had died from a heavy blow to the head."

"The Greeks were very pleased with my work. And I found that it was very satisfying because this had real history and legend attached to it."

Then there was the ancient Briton, nicknamed 'Pete Marsh' because he was found in a peat marsh. Richard became so involved in the reconstruction in this particular case that once in a motorway café he found himself almost in trouble for staring at a lorry driver who had the same type of bone structure as Pete Marsh.

He recalls: "I found myself staring at this man and I do not think that he was very pleased



The reconstructed face of a 13-year-old Egyptian mummy which lay in a desert tomb for 2000 years.

about it. It was just that he had the same kind of bone structure as the skull I was working on. I do find myself staring at people's faces at times. I think about what they would come out like if I was to try to reconstruct their heads."

The art of reconstructing skulls is not new. It was popular before the Second World War but fell into disuse after serious mistakes were made in a reconstruction.

Richard says: "I just look on it as a job. The only time I find it distressing is when I am working with the police and realise that someone can be so stripped

of their identity and their body so decomposed that no-one knows who they were."

Richard has been an artist all his working life. After art school in London he did his National Service and then trained as a medical illustrator at London's Middlesex Hospital for two and a half years.

He says: "My grandfather was a surgeon and my mother was an artist. So I took to medical illustrating like a duck to water."

Some of the reconstructions have helped to bring murderers to justice.

"Recently I worked on the

skull of a young man who had died from a blow to the head and was then covered in petrol and set alight."

"I could tell from the skull that he was Asian or Oriental. When the skull was reconstructed, the family recognised the face at once, even though it had been an Asian man and I had given him eyes that looked more Chinese."

"Now hopefully they have discovered who his murderer was and will bring the person to court."

"I really enjoy my job, it's so satisfying. I just could not see myself doing anything else."

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Clues to ancient 'jigsaw puzzle'

By Adrian Berry

SCIENTISTS say that the oldest undersea rocks ever recovered by a drilling ship are part of the bed of an ocean which vanished 200 million years ago.

The discovery is helping scientists work out the mystery of why continents move around.

The primordial Tethys Sea, named after the ancient Greek goddess of rivers, was the Earth's earliest ocean.

It was once the size of the Indian Ocean. But it vanished when the Earth's land masses closed on it, forcing its seabed

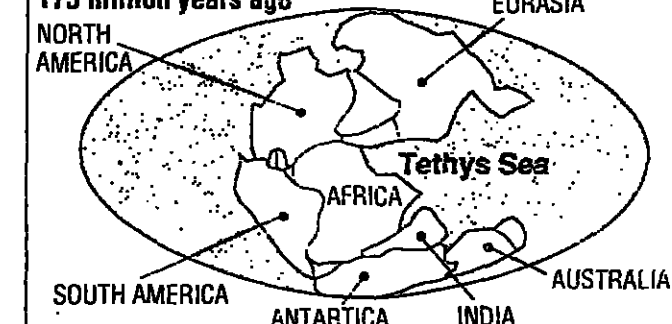
upwards so that it turned into mountain ranges.

"Both the Alps and the Himalayas were originally part of the Tethys seabed," said Professor Philip Rabinowitz, of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University, director of the expedition that made the discovery on the drilling ship Joides Resolution, off the north-western coast of Australia.

He said: "These rocks are at least 230 million years old. This is the first time anyone has ever found rocks that were part of that ancient Tethys seabed and are still under the sea."

"We are finding out more and more about the shapes of

The earth's continents
175 million years ago



the earliest seas and how the continents moved and separated. What is fascinating is that the torn edges of the separated continents sometimes retain the shapes they had at the time of the separation.

"The north Australian coast may be typical of one of these ancient edges. They are like giant pieces of a jigsaw puzzle."

"When theoretically reas-

sembled, they show us what the Earth looked like hundreds of millions of years ago, at the start of the age of the dinosaurs."

Prof Rabinowitz continued: "The greatest mystery is what makes the continents move. The most likely theory is that rock is forced up from deep in the Earth's crust by some volcanic process, and that it drives existing continent apart."

Researchers aim to open classic dinosaur site

By Henry Gee

REOPENING a classic dinosaur site more than 300 metres underground is the ambitious aim of two Belgian researchers.

In 1878, miners at a colliery in Bernissart, a village on the Franco-Belgian border, discovered 29 skeletons of the plant-eating dinosaur Iguanodon as well as the remains of many other animals. But excavation ceased in the early 1880s due to both lack of funds and to a small earthquake.

A succession of attempts to resume work have all met with failure. But more than a century after the first discoveries, Pierre Caproni, of the University of Brussels, and his colleague Pierre Simonet plan

to continue where their predecessors left off.

They outlined the aims of Recherche des Iguanodons — the organization they have created to co-ordinate the project — at a palaeontological congress in Boulogne, France last month.

The spectacular finds of 1878 came from a relatively small volume of rock, about 300 cubic metres; but geological evidence shows there is about 200,000 cubic metres of the same just waiting to be dug up. The catch is that the fossil-rich geological strata in question are buried far underground.

The 130-million-year-old fossils were buried in rocks that slowly sank into a natural crack in the Earth and became covered by more recent

sediments. The researchers will need to sink a new mineshaft to reach the sediments.

They calculate that they will need a 3.5 billion Belgian francs (about £50 million), over a period of 15 years to reopen the site and search for more dinosaur remains.

But their aims are more than just scientific: they plan to exploit the public interest that work at Bernissart will undoubtedly generate, and turn Bernissart into Europe's biggest dinosaur theme park.

Such ideas are not new; the Victorian life-size dinosaur sculptures by Waterhouse Hawkins that still attract tourists in Crystal Palace in London catered for the immense public interest generated by the discoveries of Iguanodon and

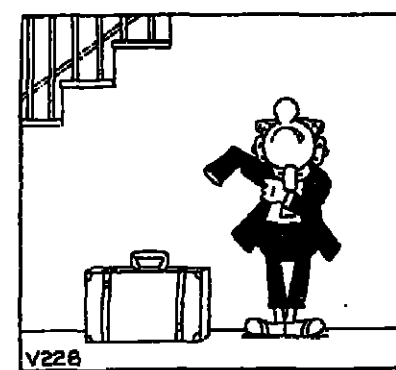
other dinosaurs at the time.

The first Iguanodon specimen was found in a Sussex road cutting by Mrs Gideon Mantell, the wife of a country doctor who was idling in the road with her pony and trap while her husband attended a patient.

The Bernissart fossils, dating from the same period, represented a significant advance because many of them were complete skeletons rather than isolated fragments.

Two species of Iguanodon were found at Bernissart: the original Iguanodon mantelli and the somewhat larger Iguanodon bernissartensis. And these skeletons were accompanied by fossils of turtles and crocodiles, indicating a waterside environment.

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By Smith

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

UN shipping code comes under review

GENEVA, Nov 1. (Reuters): Government delegates and shipping experts from about 100 countries began a three-week review yesterday of an international agreement aimed at giving developing nations a bigger share of world shipping.

They discussed the workings of a United Nations convention adopted in 1983 outlining a code of conduct for groups of shipping firms that set conditions and tariffs for their routes.

A key provision of the convention, negotiated under the auspices of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), provides that 40 per cent of cargoes be carried by ships belonging to exporting countries, 40 per cent by importers' vessels and 20 per cent by third country lines.

An UNCTAD report prepared for the meeting said the convention's 71 members accounted for just under half the 91 million deadweight tons of shipping operated by such groups.

Lalit Mohan Singh Rajwar, managing director of the Shipping Corporation of India, was elected chairman of the review session. He said delegates faced a complex task and would need to be flexible in considering possible amendments to the code.

Iran to boost oil output capacity

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Nov 1. (AP): Iran has announced it will increase its oil production capacity from 3.1 to 3.6 million barrels a day in the next five years, an oil newsletter reported today.

The Middle East Economic Survey said the plans were announced in a booklet released recently by the Iranian Oil Ministry on prospects for the coming decade.

Production
The booklet said the increase in production would be achieved mainly by "completion and implementation of gas injection projects."

It said that plans were to double gas production by 1998 to 8.95 million cubic feet per day from the current level of 4.6 million cubic feet per day.

Move to save scarce foreign exchange resources

Jordan to cut development spending in '89 budget

AMMAN, Nov 1. (Reuters): Jordan's Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i said today his government would reduce development spending in the 1989 budget to save scarce foreign exchange resources.

"We will continue to spend on development, but only on projects already under way or that have a financial return. We are going to stop for a while expenditure on new infrastructure," he told Reuters.

He gave no figures. The budget for calendar 1989 will be announced in December.

Rifa'i said there was little scope for cuts in current spending, 40 per cent of which goes on defence and security and 20 per cent on public salaries and pensions.

Spending
Development spending could not be halted completely without stopping growth and thereby reducing domestic revenue, he said.

Some bankers and economists

Burma to open its economy to foreign investors

RANGOON, Burma, Nov 1. (AP): Burma will shed 26 years of economic isolation and a rigidly controlled domestic economy and open its doors to foreign investment, Trade Minister Col. Abel said yesterday.

"Burma will practice a market-oriented trade policy in line with the world economic trend, both in domestic and foreign trade," the minister told a news conference.

But there was no indication that the military government of Gen. Saw Maung, who seized power on Sept 18, would liberalise politically.

Abel, who uses only one name, said laws that would provide a favourable investment climate were being drafted. He welcomed queries from both domestic and foreign investors on the new policies.

Burma's economy spiralled downwards last year and the country, according to experts, is virtually bankrupt following months of political upheaval and a freeze on aid by Japan, West Germany, the United States and other donors.

The international community has condemned the Burmese military government for a ruth-

US bond market outlook under review

IBJ keen to boost lending in Mideast

By M.C. Bose

IBJ INTERNATIONAL Limited, London, the wholly owned subsidiary of the Industrial Bank of Japan, is keen to increase its lending activities on a long-term basis in the energy fields and also in the industrial development projects in the Middle East, particularly in Kuwait, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia.

IBJ International Limited has been actively involved in these activities through its representative office in Bahrain for the last seven years.

The seven-member delegation headed by Yoshio Osawa, managing director of IBJ International Limited, is visiting Kuwait to increase its operations.

Delegation
Dr David M. Jones, senior vice president and chief economist of Aubrey G. Lanston and Co and a member of the delegation, told the Arab Times the delegation is also planning to meet government officials, top level private



Yoshio Osawa (right) managing director of IBJ International Limited pictured with Dr David M. Jones senior vice president and chief economist of Aubrey G. Lanston and Co.

investors and officials from banks and other financial institutions. He said the team has already met officials of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA).

Jones said: "Lanston as one of a very select group, it engages in transactions directly with the

Federal Reserve in open market operations undertaken by the Fed to fulfill both its daily operating requirements and longer-term policy objectives. Lanston consistently participates in Treasury Securities auctions and conducts active two-way secondary markets in US Treasury and

American exports are booming, says Bush

Next US administration must cope with huge trade imbalance

WASHINGTON, Nov 1. (AP): If the US budget deficit seems invisible to most Americans, the gaping trade deficit is all too apparent. They see its evidence every day in the cars they drive, the televisions they watch, the shoes they wear.

Now it will fall to either George Bush or Michael Dukakis to try to remedy this other US deficit, the trade imbalances that hit a staggering \$170 billion last year and are running at a \$138-billion pace for 1988.

The American appetite for imported goods became voracious in the 1980s as a strong dollar produced a flood of bargains for US consumers. Even when the dollar took a nosedive after intervention by the United States and its allies in 1985, Americans retained their taste for imports.

Expensive
Japanese auto makers who established a beachhead in the US market with cheap, fuel-efficient subcompacts earned a larger and more expensive niche

on the strength of their autos' quality and reliability.

The trade law signed by President Ronald Reagan in August gives the next president new tools to protect US markets and retaliate against countries with unfair trading practices.

Dukakis' running mate, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, was the leading congressional champion of the tougher trade law.

"I want to be a president who stands up and fights for American companies, American products and American workers," Dukakis said at a metal factory in Dayton, Ohio, last month.

Bush says American exports are booming, the trade deficit is already coming down, and free trade, not protectionism, is the way to restore America's competitiveness. The Republican dismisses Dukakis' warnings about foreign "dumping" as "protectionist demagoguery."

"We need to increase our exports, not shut our borders," says Bush. But, he adds, "our

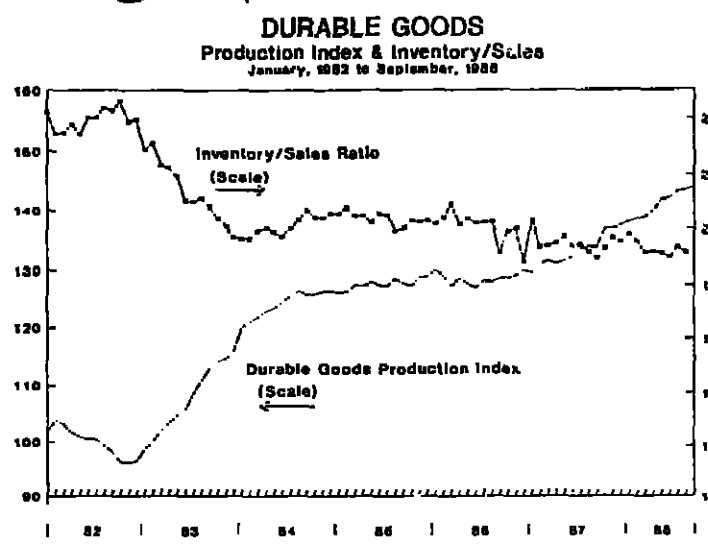
commitment to free trade must be linked to a reciprocal commitment to fair trade by our trading partners."

Dukakis, while trying to make a gut-level appeal to American workers alarmed about their livelihood, has tried to avoid being cast as a protectionist. He was conspicuously silent when Congress passed a protectionist textile bill in September that Reagan vetoed.

Even Reagan is not the doctrinaire free-trader he once was. His administration, confronted with gaping trade deficits, backed off from what had been an undeviating faith in free markets in 1985 and worked in concert with allies to bring the value of the dollar down.

"There's been very vigorous enforcement of trade laws under the Reagan-Bush administration in the past three years," Bruce Smart, a Bush trade adviser and former Undersecretary of Commerce, said.

Dukakis says the Reagan-Bush policies in those first four



federal agency obligations. "Moreover, with Lanston serving as a primary dealer, it plays a key role in the implementation of US monetary policy."

He added that "We are the only primary dealer to maintain commitment to the US government securities market. In recent

years, globalisation of securities markets has become one of the most significant developments in the investment field. We serve customers from offices in the principal world markets such as New York, London and Tokyo."

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World Business Summary

US to spell out farm subsidy freeze plan

WASHINGTON, Nov 1. (Reuters): The United States will notify trade partners in coming days of its willingness to freeze farm subsidies over the next two years, a senior US official said yesterday. Short-term agricultural reform, however, will continue to hinge on the success of a US proposal to scrap all trade-distorting farm subsidies and access barriers over time, Daniel Amstutz, chief US farm trade negotiator, said. Amstutz told Reuters the US administration was drawing up a paper outlining its position that will soon be presented to other members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The paper will mark the first time the United States has formally endorsed a short-term freeze or reduction of agricultural subsidies as part of the Uruguay round of trade liberalisation negotiations. Any agreement focussing on the short-term would be acceptable to Washington only if trading partners acquiesced to its controversial long-term demand that GATT members agree to phase out all subsidies or quotas distorting trade flows. The European Economic Community has flatly rejected that demand and instead called for a freeze of agricultural support programmes at 1984 levels. The US paper is part of preparatory talks in advance of a mid-term review in December of progress in the four-year Uruguay round. It will officially bring the United States closer to the position of the Cairns Group of 13 nations, which has called for a "downpayment" in 1989 and 1990 consisting of 10 per cent annual reductions in aggregate monetary support to farmers. The Cairns Group, which includes Australia, Canada and Brazil, also endorses eventual liberalisation of farm trade, but it stops short of setting a deadline. Washington has proposed reaching its long-term goal by the year 2000.

ARIG to expand operations

ABU DHABI, Nov 1. (KUNA): The Arab Insurance Group (ARIG) plans to open offices in the Far East, Africa and Europe to expand its operations, the company's general manager said. Nooruddin A. Nooruddin, at a press conference in Dubai, yesterday described the company as "profitable and competitive." He said ARIG's main areas of business at present were aviation which accounted for 26.7 per cent and oil 22.3 per cent of the gross premium in 1987. Nooruddin said ARIG's premium earnings rose to \$157 million last year from \$119.7 million in 1986. But profits of the company before operating expenses dropped to \$30.15 million in 1987 from \$33.37 million, which he attributed to a sharp fall in investment income to \$21.2 million from \$36.58 million. The company's net profit, as a result, dropped to \$15.1 million from \$22.5 million in 1986, he said. Nooruddin said the company expects to post a higher profit this year. The ARIG official is in the United Arab Emirates for a board meeting of the company owned by the UAE, Kuwait and Libya with headquarters in Bahrain. Nooruddin said ARIG will open a branch in Hong Kong next month and an office in Tunis in early 1989 and is also studying the feasibility of an office in London. According to Nooruddin the total authorised capital of Arab reinsurance companies in 1986 was \$2.19 billion and technical reserves \$943.5 million or 166 per cent of the net retained premium. Nooruddin said the Arab world's per capita insurance which averaged at \$20 was "far less" than most developed countries and significantly lower than the world average of about \$130.

Hungary to expand economic ties with Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 1. (OPECNA): Hungary has offered to expand economic, trade and technical co-operation with Iraq, it was reported yesterday.

The offer was made by visiting Hungarian Minister of Construction and Urban Development Laszlo Somogyi at a meeting with Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Reviewing the economic prospects of Iraq, Ramadan noted that the country would witness large-scale post-war development.

Talks
Somogyi, who is leading his country's delegation to a session of the joint Iraqi-Hungarian committee, had talks earlier with Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh on bilateral trade expansion.

Meanwhile, talks began here yesterday between officials at the Iraqi Trade Ministry and a US economic delegation led by Melvin Simms, director-general at the US Department of Agriculture.

fault the government for failing to cut its chronic budget deficit and for running down hard currency reserves, which hit a low of \$18.7 million in April before edging back to 67.7 million in August.

"We have maintained three per cent growth in real terms, largely due to public sector spending. We would stifle the economy if we didn't spend on development," Rifa'i said.

The government aimed to keep the inflation rate within single figures despite price rises on imports expected following a sharp fall in the exchange value of the dinar.

Problem
"Our real problem is very simple," Rifa'i said. "Our foreign currency earnings are less than our requirements."

He said Jordan had to service total accumulated borrowings of about \$6.5 billion. This would require around \$900 million in annual repayments over the next few years.

Substantial past repayments had reduced the debt to its present level, but had stretched foreign exchange reserves.

"In the last three years, we repaid \$2.4 billion from our own resources. We honour all our debts. We borrow annually to maintain our foreign reserves, but that borrowing is never more than one quarter to one third of what we pay out," Rifa'i said.

Commitment
He said Jordan had borrowed in the late 1970s and early 1980s on the assumption that Arab states would honour their 1978 pledges to give Jordan \$1.25 billion a year for 10 years.

Arab aid arrears now roughly equalled the kingdom's total foreign debt. "The commitment is still there," he said. "It's just that sometimes the promises don't translate into cash."

Only Saudi Arabia has fulfilled its commitment, paying Jordan almost \$360 million a year.

Rifa'i said this year's orders

has soared to more than 40 kyats for one dollar recently.

Reaction from foreign investors was expected to be cautious given the potentially chaotic political situation and Burma's earlier backtracking on promises of economic reform.

Since late July, thousands have been killed by an authoritarian government trying to maintain power in face of nationwide protest.

Saw Maung has allowed the formation of political parties and promised a general election, but opposition leaders are sceptical a free and fair election can be held while the military wields power.

Abel said cross border trade was opened at two points with China recently and similar arrangements were expected to follow along Burma's frontiers with Bangladesh, India and Thailand.

In the past, the government has lost vast revenues because it was unable to control smuggling across the country's frontiers. The border with Thailand, across which most commodities enter Burma, is largely controlled by ethnic minority insurgent groups fighting the central government.

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BORTHWICK	59/0
BR ARBOU	106/0 1

2/0	SA STH PAC	17/7	18/0
56/7	SHRSI HUT	22/1	22/0
24/7	SHELL TRAN	69/4	69/5
15/1	SHER PLOU	57/2	57/2
27/4	SMITH INT	7/6	7/6
34/7	SMITHK BEC	45/4	45/6
63/0	SNAP ON TL	36/7	37/0
13/0	SOURCE CAP	37/4	37/3
79/0	SOUTHERN	21/7	22/4
10/0	SPAIN FUND	10/0	10/0
51/2	SPEERY	11/3	11/3
5/7	SQUARE D	48/4	48/7
12/0	SQUIBB		
9/2	STONE CONT	33/6	34/0
34/5	SUN CO	28/0	35/3
45/3	SUNSTRAND	51/2	51/2
40/0	SUNSH MIN	3/5	3/5
14/4	SUPER VAL	24/2	24/2
1/1	SOUTHWEST	19/2	19/3
26/4	SW GAS	20/6	20/7
13/6	SUN BELL	41/3	41/5
40/5	TAMMO CORP	42/7	42/5
19/2	TDK	62/6	62/2
13/3	TECO ENERG	24/3	24/5
7/4	TEKTRONIX	21/4	21/5
8/1	TELETYPE	337/4	338/0
44/5	TELEX CORP	0	49/4
2/5	TERADYNE	13/0	13/2
17/2	TESORO PET	11/0	11/0
26/4	TEX AMER B	10	10
15/4	TEX AMER TR	28/5	28/5
3/7	TEXACO	46/1	46/1
47/4	TEXAS IND	31/1	31/1
0	TEXAS INST	38/3	38/4
10/0	TEXTRON	24/7	24/5
2/6	THOMPS MED	21/7	22/0
12/5	TIDEWATER	6/6	6/7
12/5	TIGER INT	13/4	13/3
13/2	TIMKEN	29/7	29/5
3/3	TORCHMARK	31/0	31/2
9/6	TOSCO	3/3	3/3
1/4	TOYS R US	38/2	38/2
17/1	TRANSAMER	34/7	34/7
7/4	TRANSCO EN	32/0	32/2
5/3	TRANSCO EX	6/1	6/2
10/0	TRAVELLERS	35/6	36/0
9/7	TRINITY IN	29/6	30/1
7/4	TW CORP	25/1	25/0
5/3	TYCO LABS	35/2	35/3
15/0	UAL CORP	96/6	96/6
1/6	UTD CORP	19/5	19/6
1/4	UTD TECH	41/1	41/5
1/4	UNILEVER	59/5	59/7
2/1	UNION CAMP	34/4	34/4
9/0	UNION CARB	24/6	25/6
2/5	US SHOE	25/5	25/5
5/5	USX CP	27/6	27/6
8/5	US WEST	57/1	57/1
5/2	US AIR CP	35/7	35/6
1/5	VALERO EN	8/0	7/7
1/7	VALLEY IND	0	2/1

9/2	VARIAN ASS	28/3	28/1
5/5	W PNT PEPP	44/7	44/5
6/1	WAINOR CH	1/1	1/1

3/5	WAL MART	31/3	31/3
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4/10	WASTE MAN	40/2	40/5
7/75	WASH GAS L	25/10	25/10
0/3	WENDY INTL	6/6	6/7
1/6	WEST CO	14/2	14/3
7/12	WESTINGHOUSE	52/5	52/3
1/6	WILLIAMS C	33/7	34/2
3/3	WILLIAMS E	6/2	6/2
0/10	WINNEBAGO	9/6	9/5

7/4	WORLD CORP	0	5/5
6/4	WRIGHT	38/7	38/7

6/6	XEROX CORP	59/0	59/2
6/1	XTRA CORP	36/4	36/2
6/5	ZAPATA	0	2/4
6/4	ZAYRE CORP	26/4	26/4
2/2	ZENITH EL	19/3	19/4
2/5	ZERO	16/6	16/5

Plus Indices

CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
4.98	2,156.83	2,143.14
5.73	932.60	925.36
0.24	187.65	186.64
2.15	814.49	809.71
0 +		
.32 +	0.35	
1 +	0.25	
.26 -	0.69	
4 +	0.18	
.65 +	0.13	
7 +	0.16	
.59 +	0.34	

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INDEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
INDEXES A	28	UNCH
LAB B	8 3/8	UNCH
L CP	20 1/4	+ 3/8
LAB	15	- 3/8
SCORE	1/2	- 3/16
CORP	25	+ 7/8
MAINT	11 1/8	+ 1 1/4
CO	20 1/4	+ 3/8
NEST	2	UNCH

LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE
MEDICAL 9 5/8 + 1 1/4

GMT	6	1/2	+	1/2
FRAG	2	1/4	-	3/8
DIS	14	7/8	-	1 1/8
VOLUME	2,845,100			
S UP	151			
S DOWN	193			

showed little overall change

in a narrow band around small lead over gainers and stocks were up for the seventh support from bonds and the "ding" indicators.

Don Jones Plus Indies

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,153.63	+ 4.98	2,156.83	2,143.1
TRANS	932.45	+ 5.73	932.60	925.3
UTILS	187.47	+ 0.24	187.65	186.6
STOCKS	814.07	+ 2.65	814.49	809.7
NYSE COMP	157.10	+ .17		
S-P COMPOSITE	279.32	+ 0.35		
NYSE INDS	189.61	+ 0.25		
AMEX INDEX	300.26	+ .69		
NASD COMP	382.64	+ 0.18		
NASD BANKING	446.65	+ 0.13		
NASD FIN'L	474.47	+ 0.16		
NASD INDS	377.59	+ 0.34		

ANEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
3/8	NY TIMES A 28	UNCH
3/8	MANHATTAN 28	

3/8	WANG LAB	8	3/8	UNCH		
7/8	AMDAHL CP	20	1/4	+	3/8	
1/2	ECHO BAY	15	-	3/8		
1/8	ELSTNORE	1/2	-	3/16		
UNCH	ALZA CORP	25	+	7/8		
1/4	FORSTMAN	11	1/8	+	1	1/4
3/8	BOLAR CO	20	1/4	+	3/8	
1/8	CONQUEST	2	-	UNCH		

1/4	BRASCAN A	21 7/8	UNCH
ANGE	AMEX LARGEST PER	CENT CHANGE	
1	MT MEDICAL	9 5/8	+ 1 1/4
1/4	FORSTMANN	11 1/8	+ 1 1/4
1/2	SCI MONT	6 1/2	+ 1/2
1/4	ALFIN FRAG	2 1/4	- 3/8
1 1/8	IRGOIROS	14 7/8	- 1 1/8
1,100	AMEX VOLUME	2,845,100	
	STOCKS UP	151	
	STOCKS DOWN	193	

Street Market Report

UK economy is robust

Sterling weakens and dollar steady

LONDON, Nov 1, (Reuters): The pound sterling dipped in Europe today after a statement by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson did something to cool speculation about higher British interest rates but it recovered to end little changed.

The dollar's downward trend was kept in check by a threat of central bank intervention although dealers said sentiment remained "bearish" towards it because of concern about the US trade deficit and nervousness ahead of the November 8 presidential election.

Weakened

The pound initially weakened after Lawson failed to reiterate a need for high interest rates, disappointing a market that was holding sterling in anticipation that British rates might rise, dealers said.

It picked up towards the close as traders took profits and

squared positions and ended at \$1.7645 compared with Monday's close of 1.7670.

Lawson predicted in his autumn statement that inflation would top six per cent towards the end of 1988 but would fall to five per cent by the fourth quarter of 1989.

"The overall message was that the economy is robust and there was nothing in his data to suggest any sort of crash landing at all," said Kevin Gardiner of Warburg Securities.

Dealers

The dollar ended little changed in Europe as dealers were nervous of selling it aggressively because of possible central bank intervention.

The Bank of Japan bought dollars today and the US Federal Reserve checked dollar/yen rates. The Bank of Canada bought Canadian dollars to try and stop the currency's slide.

The dollar closed in London at 1.7875 West German marks after Monday's closing 1.7835.

Wall Street stocks showed little overall change in light trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was down one point at 2,147 by midday.

Shares closed firmer in Frankfurt. Earlier, Tokyo stocks closed higher for the seventh day running.

Gold prices ended in London at 411.25 an ounce, unchanged from Monday's close.

In London shares held their firmer tone and the market showed little immediate reaction to Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's autumn statement on the economy this afternoon.

Lawson said inflation would top six per cent toward the end of this year but fall to five per cent by the fourth quarter of 1989, almost exactly what the market

had been expecting.

However, one dealer said, "I thought the delivery upbeat enough to encourage the market." The FTSE 100 index was 5.7 points up at 1,858.1 by 1647 GMT, after touching a high of 1,860.0.

Lawson said growth was likely to be 4-1/2 per cent for 1988 as a whole, slowing to a more sustainable level of three per cent next year. He expected a current account deficit of £13 billion for this year but said this would fall to £11 billion in 1989.

Some economists said Lawson's inflation forecasts were rather optimistic.

And one analyst noted "Lawson said he expected inflation to keep rising in the first half of 1989, which means he doesn't see an early slowdown in demand. This implies that interest rates will have to stay high well into next year, or even rise again."

Oil prices dropped around 30 cents a barrel on world spot markets today because of concern about OPEC overproduction, traders said.

The latest fall started in the United States late on Monday when a sharp drop on the gasoline futures markets on the New York Mercantile Exchange dragged crude prices down too.

Trading activity was also quiet because of the All Saints Day holiday in several European countries.

Also, with American Institute of Petroleum (API) meetings coming up in New York next week, and OPEC meeting the following week, many traders seemed reluctant to take up fresh speculative positions.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, had eased 35 cents to \$12.25 a barrel.

Italian firms to conduct seminar on oil

THREE Italian companies will conduct a seminar on maintenance of oil, desalination and power plants at 9.30 am, Nov 27 at the grand ballroom of the Kuwait Meridien Hotel.

The seminar is being organised by the Italian Embassy and the Italian Trade Commission. Ansaldo SPA will discuss technical assistance products for power plant maintenance.

Italmipianti PA will discuss general maintenance and training concepts for desalination plants. Nuovo Pignone will discuss natural gas rejection stations and their main components and problems.

Local companies interested in attending the seminar should contact the Italian Trade Commission at 2447500 or 2447582.

Al Rasheed launches activities

BAGHDAD, Nov 1, (Reuters): A second Iraqi commercial bank, Al Rasheed, began operations in Baghdad today with a nominal capital of 100 million dinars (\$520 million).

A senior source at the bank's capital headquarters said it would conduct all types of commercial banking services in other domestic and foreign branches starting next January.

Creation of the bank will break the monopoly on Iraqi commercial banking by the Rafidain Bank since the nationalisation of banks in 1964.

Campaign

Western banking sources said the new bank was part of a campaign which President Saddam Hussein started last year to improve the economic efficiency of state-run enterprises.

The ruling Revolutionary Command Council decreed last April that Al Rasheed Bank will have branches all over the country and representatives abroad to carry out commercial transactions.

The government treasury will pay its capital.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 1, (Reuters): Australian stocks closed easier after a slow day, highlighted only by a halt in trading for the Melbourne Cup horse race won by Empire Rose. The All Ordinaries index ended 2.3 to 1,584.6.

TOKYO: Prices drifted through the day in moderate trading, but ended just above the resistance line of 28,000 and were higher for the seventh straight day. The Nikkei index rose 31.13 to 28,013.67.

HONG KONG: Prices closed lower in sluggish trading. The Hang Seng index fell 11.98 to 2,615.43.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed slightly easier across the board on lack of institutional interest in light profit-taking in listless trading. The Straits Times industrial index eased 6.60 to 1,032.67.

BOMBAY: Share prices recovered sharply on fresh buying by state-owned financial institutions after a week-long slide. Tata Steel rallied 22.5 rupees to 985.

LONDON: Equities showed a firmer bias at mid-session with some speculative issues moving ahead quite strongly ahead of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's economic statement. By 1200 GMT, the FTSE index had gained 6.2 points to 1,858.6.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed steady in moderate trading, lifted slightly by yesterday's fairly steady Wall Street close and a stronger dollar. The Swiss index rose 4.1 points to 940.5.

Reagan expands copyright protection for US works overseas

LOS ANGELES, Nov 1, (Reuters): President Reagan signed legislation yesterday to expand legal protections against the piracy of US artistic and literary works outside the United States.

At a bill-signing ceremony attended by American performing artists and entertainment and publishing industry officials, Reagan said the measure "will secure the highest available level of international copyright protection for US artists, authors and copyright holders."

Approval of the legislation was required before the United States could become a member of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

Protections

The convention extends the force of copyright protections beyond an individual nation's borders to all member nations.

The United States will become the 78th nation to join the convention, which has existed for over 100 years.

The only major trading partners of the United States not now adhering to the convention are the Soviet Union and China. Before Washington could sign the convention it had to make technical changes in its laws to conform with treaty requirements.

Overseas piracy of US artistic and literary works cost the entertainment industry more than \$2 billion in potential revenues in 1986, US computer and software industries lost another \$4 billion, Reagan said.

"That's why adherence to the Berne convention has been such an important goal of the administration, and why this occasion



President Reagan holds a bill he signed on Monday into legislation to strengthen copyright protection at home and abroad for US film-makers, publishers, recording artists and computer firms. (Reuters wirephoto)

marks a watershed for us," he said.

"The billions of dollars we lose each year because of international software piracy is unconscionable," said Lawrence Welke, president of Indiana-

polis-based International Computer Programmes, in a statement released here.

"Our industry is in a much more secure position in the international arena as a result of today's signing."

Economy is slowing down

US leading indicators edge down

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, (AP): The US government said today that its main forecasting gauge of future economic activity edged down 0.1 per cent in September, its second decline in the last three months.

The Commerce Department's index of leading indicators rose 0.5 per cent in August and 1.5 per cent in June but fell 0.7 per cent in July.

Economists believe this roller-coaster performance is a signal that the economy, which was expanding at a robust pace in the first six months of 1988, is slowing down.

Slowdown

Indeed, overall economic growth as measured by the Gross National Product dropped to an annual rate of 2.2 per cent from July through September and many analysts believe that this modest pace will continue in the current quarter and for most of next year.

David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Inc., said that the leading index was sig-

nalling a welcome slowdown, which would give the economy breathing room and lower inflationary pressures built up by heavy demand and tight labour markets.

The 0.1 per cent decline in the leading index was a bit weaker than expected. Many private forecasters were calling for a 0.2 per cent rise. The August index, however, was revised upward to show a 0.5 per cent gain instead of the originally reported 0.4 per cent increase.

The index, by focusing on forward-pointing business statistics, is designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future.

Growth

Many economists, who had at one time been fearful that the next president would face a recession in his first year in office, have revised that view and now believe the next downturn will not come until 1990.

But the leading index is signalling slower growth. For the last 12 months, it has risen just 0.7 per

cent, compared to an increase of 6.7 per cent in the previous 12-month period.

For October, the biggest factor holding the index back was a drop in plant and equipment orders, followed by a fall in building permits. Other factors depressing the index were a decline in raw materials prices and slower growth in the money supply. Falling prices are viewed negatively as a sign of lower demand.

In all, five of the available nine indicators made positive contributions. The biggest positive force came from an increase in the average workweek. Other positive factors were a fall in initial unemployment claims, a rise in stock prices, a slowdown in filling orders and a rise in orders for consumer goods.

The various changes left the index at 193.3 per cent of its 1967 base of 100.

Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm, said he is predicting Gross National Product growth of just

2 per cent next year, reflecting a slowdown of the export boom which accounted for half of this year's growth.

Spending

"The export boom is clearly gone, capital spending has tailed off and consumers haven't been too eager to spend either," said Evans. "That is basically the whole economy."

But Beryl Sprinkel, the president's chief economic adviser, said in a speech last week that there was no reason for a recession to occur anytime soon.

"Recessions don't just happen. They are caused by policy mistakes," he said.

If a recession does occur next year, many analysts are fearful that it will be triggered by the Federal Reserve pushing interest rates too high in an effort to dampen inflationary pressures.

Federal Reserve policymakers were meeting behind closed doors today, but analysts did not expect the session to result in any dramatic changes. However, they said the Federal Reserve is likely to begin pushing rates higher early next year as signs of inflation re-emerge.

IBJI keen to boost Mideast lending

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Jones said that throughout the world, portfolio managers — governments, institutions and individuals — are assuming an ever-increasing global perspective when structuring portfolios.

The US money and capital markets play a crucial role in these investment flows and the US government securities market is their cornerstone.

Jones has been working with Lanston for the last 16 years. On Dec 29, 1986 the company was acquired by IBJ through its New York subsidiary known as IBJ Schroder.

The delegation yesterday organised a press luncheon at the Kuwait Hilton and Jones presented a paper on the US bond market outlook.

Player

In 1987, IBJI was ranked 10th in the table of lead managers of all Eurobond issues acting as lead manager for Eurobond issues in that year. This year Osawa said it continued as a major player, taking a lead managing role in 34 issues including World Bank, EEC, Austria and British Telecom.

Jones said the outlook for the US economic expansion will continue to show solid momentum through the rest of this year and perhaps through the first half of 1989 as well.

Although US real GNP growth temporarily moderated to a less-than-expected 2.2 per cent pace in the third quarter, and could slow even further in the fourth quarter of this year, it is likely that there will be a return to a solid underlying growth rate in the first and second quarters of 1989, he said.

The main sources of future economic strength are likely to be strong increases in business spending on new plants and equipment in view of high capacity utilisation rates and brisk profits growth.

There may also be a rebound in housing activity in view of prospects for a near-term stable interest rate environment, he said.

The US trade deficit is unlikely to decline as much in coming months as it did in recent months, given a slowing in export growth and still advancing imports, he said.

Moreover, consumer spending, though still positive, is likely to show moderating tendencies, he added.

Growth

In light of the recent slowing in US economic growth, the Federal Reserve is likely to maintain an unchanged policy stance through the rest of 1988 and into early 1989, according to Jones.

This prospect of a stable Fed policy contrasts with earlier expectations of further Fed tightening moves before the end of this year.

The US dollar is likely to show weakening tendencies in the months ahead, Jones said. Increased foreign investor concerns over political uncertainties as the presidential election approaches, as well as some disappointment over the lack of any recent progress in further reducing the US trade deficit will also cause a decline in the value of the dollar, he said.

Meanwhile, the Fed chairman's recently expressed concerns over excessive debt expansion in connection with a surge in corporate leveraged buyout activity (LBOs) has caused investors to shift away from increasingly risky corporate bonds in favour of safer government bonds.

The opposing forces of the declining dollar's negative impact on the US government securities market, in contrast with the latest "flight to quality" favouring these securities, should result in a near-term trading range of perhaps 8-5/8 per cent to 9-1/8 per cent in 30 year US Treasury bond yields, Jones said.

Expansion

He said that the current mature stage of the US cyclical expansion, which will celebrate its six-year anniversary this December, has not produced as much of an acceleration in wages and prices as has been the case in earlier expansions.

This is all the more remarkable in view of the relatively high industrial capacity utilisation rate (83.6 per cent in September down from an upward revised 83.8 per cent in August) and a relatively low civilian unemployment rate (5.4 per cent in September down from 5.6 per cent in August), Jones said. However, perhaps partly

reflecting the tightening in labour market supplies, the latest quarterly figures on civilian worker compensation (wages and benefits) showed an acceleration to 4.7 per cent in the third quarter (year-over-year) compared with a much slower 3.4 per cent increase registered around this same time last year.

The latest US real GNP growth of 2.2 per cent in the third quarter of this year represented a slowing from the 3.0 per cent second quarter pace.

Looking ahead, fourth quarter real GNP growth could slow further to 1.5 per cent to 2.0 per cent, Jones said.

However, these figures are depressed by cutbacks in agricultural grain and livestock output owing to severe drought conditions.

The US Commerce Department estimates that the drought impact depressed second quarter real GNP growth by 0.9 per cent, the third quarter by 0.6 per cent, the fourth quarter by 0.6 per cent, and the fourth quarter by a hefty 1.25 per cent.

Prospects

Perhaps the brightest prospects for near-term economic growth are in the US industrial sector, Jones said. A close examination of the latest cyclically important durable goods' inventory data indicate that the manufacturing sector will likely help maintain economic growth.

Discussing the Federal Reserve policy, Jones said that with a recent slowing in real GNP growth, and with no imminent threat of a sharp acceleration in inflationary pressures, the monetary authorities certainly have no reason to tighten reserve pressures further.

Also giving the Fed good reason not to tighten further is the moderation in growth in the broader M-2 and M-3 monetary aggregates which have recently eased below the mid-point of the Fed's 4-8 per cent target range for this year.

However, the chances of an easing in Fed policy with resulting downward pressure on money markets rates would seem even more remote since such a move could trigger a free fall in the US dollar in the foreign exchange markets, he said.

Markets seen unconvinced

Central banks warn on dollar

LONDON, Nov 1, (Reuters): Central banks have warned world markets they will not tolerate an assault on the dollar during the sensitive run-up to the US presidential election, but many economists say the longer-term outlook is for a further decline.

The Bank of Japan and New York Federal Reserve, in what appeared to be a finely-timed bout of currency intervention, bought an estimated \$600 to \$800 million during the past 36 hours to halt a steep rise in the value of the yen.

"It was very well planned," said David Simmonds, chief Treasury economist at London investment bankers Midland Montagu. "The market won't want to push the dollar down at the moment."

But economists said the determination of central banks to prevent a sharp and potentially destabilising fall in the dollar ahead of next Tuesday's US election were unlikely to offset longer-term doubts about the currency.

Resolve

Those doubts focus on the resolve of a new US administration — whether Republican or Democrat — to tackle the persistently high budget deficit and cut the related trade gap which hit \$12.18 billion in August.

Failure to address the budget deficit would be likely to increase pressure from traditionally impatient world currency markets for a further decline of the dollar to choke off US imports and make its export industry more competitive.

Weak world oil prices — dampening inflation — and signs the US economy is slowing are also lessening expectations of tighter American monetary policy or higher US interest rates which would tend to support the dollar.

Some economists believe major central banks, which have stage-managed a sharp decline in the dollar from record highs in 1985 to correct the US trade deficit, would not stand in the way of a further easing against the West German mark and Japanese yen after the Nov 8 poll.

But they say central banks from the Group of Seven nations — the United States, Japan, Britain, Canada, France, Italy and West Germany — would not want to see the dollar below 125 yen or 1.75 marks in the short-term for fear of upsetting relatively calm markets in the immediate run-up to the election.

Just what is the optimum dollar level remains highly disputed, but Jeremy Hale, senior international economist at Goldman Sachs International Ltd in London, said cutting the US budget deficit would slow domestic demand which has been sucking in imports and lessen the need for currency adjustment.

"The dollar will probably follow an irregular path downwards after the election, but it will not collapse," he said.

One minority school of thought in the City of London argues that a victory by Vice-President George Bush, widely anticipated in financial markets, might spell quicker action on the budget front than first thought

and even spark a dollar recovery.

Jim O'Neill, economist at Swiss Bank Corp Investment Banking Ltd, said Bush's economic team could, "despite the pre-election rhetoric," devise a budget cutting package that would steady the dollar from its four-month lows and hold it in a 1.75-2.00 mark and 125-145 yen range over the next six months.

O'Neill argues that Bush could put a powerful and pragmatic team in place built around James Baker, Richard Darman and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Baker, former Treasury Secretary, is now running Bush's campaign, while Darman is a former Deputy Treasury Secretary and closely identified with the coordination of the Group of Seven's dollar policies.

Role

The West German central bank, which has often played a leading role in intervention tactics, has been conspicuous by its absence in the past days, but economists said the main market pressure had been concentrated on the dollar/yen rate.

Economists said the overwhelmingly "bearish" market sentiment against the dollar seems to be most prevalent in Asia, perhaps indicating a feeling that the US currency's slide against European currencies may have gone far enough.

That would shift the focus to Asia, particularly Japan and "newly industrialising countries" such as Taiwan which is coming under strong pressure from the US administration to boost the value of its currency.



A delegation of travel agents and airlines and sales representatives of the Kuwait Airways Corporation from France and Italy recently visited Kuwait on an invitation extended them by the Kuwait Airways Corporation and Kuwait Sheraton Hotel. The invitees were given a tour of Kuwait and familiarised themselves with the facilities offered by the Kuwait Sheraton. They also visited the Kuwait Airways offices where they were briefed on the services and facilities offered to clients. Mounir Amer, the Sheraton's public relations manager, Nohad Selman, sales manager of the Kuwait Sheraton and Mohammed Abdul Hadi from the Public Relations Department of the Kuwait Airways Corporation welcomed the group. Kuwait Airways Corporation employees from France and Italy are shown at the Sheraton Hotel during their recent visit to Kuwait.

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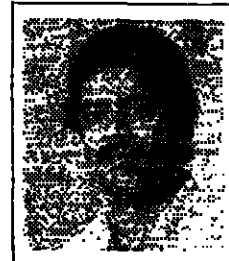
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LOCAL GOLF

Kim edges Davies for crown

J.H. KIM edged handicap secretary Peter Davies to win the Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah golf trophy at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Friday.

This annual stableford event was keenly contested by 74 competitors in sultry conditions with as many as twenty players carding more than 30 points.

J.H. Kim (22) and Peter Davis (10) both scored 41 points for the round, with the former having the winning edge of 22 to 19 on a count back on the last nine holes.

The second runnerup was C.K. Lim (24) with 40 points. Mrs Sigrid Sawires (22) was in fourth position with 39 points.

In side competition, newcomers Mrs Kaja Harsie won the longest drive for ladies and muscle-man Adnan Asaf the longest drive for men for the third time in as many weeks.

Securing
In the nearest to the pin competition, R.K. Sethi was two feet away from the hole on the par 3 fifth, securing the winners trophy in this event.

The ladies were unable to reach the green on the par 3 thirteenth and no prize was given for this event. However, Eileen Waters was awarded a prize for the lowest score among the ladies when she carded 20 points for the round.

The trophies, which are annually donated by Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, were presented to the winners by Mohammad Al Shaheen, general manager of the Hunting & Equestrian Club.

Abdul-Jabbar to play final NBA season

NEW YORK, Nov 1, (AP) — Starting Friday at Dallas, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers will begin his 20th and final National Basketball Association season, and the Lakers will open their bid for a third straight title.

The only team to win at least three straight titles is the Boston Celtics. The Celtics actually exceeded that goal. In 1966, they won their eighth consecutive year.

"Last year spoke for itself," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "I feel strongly about this Lakers year, but there may be 10 teams with a chance to win it all. But the Lakers aren't tired of winning, and the winning will continue."

New teams in the NBA this year will be the Charlotte Hornets in North Carolina and the Miami Heat in Florida. Also new to the NBA will be a third game official, a move designed to improve court coverage, especially away from the ball, where most on-court scuffles begin.

Version

New Golden State coach Don Nelson was impressed with the 1988-89 version of the Lakers in pre-season.

"Woolridge has added a new dimension to the Lakers," Nelson said after the Lakers whipped the Warriors on consecutive nights. "I want to warn the League how good the Lakers are."

Abdul-Jabbar, the all-time NBA leader in points, games, minutes, field goals made and attempted and blocked shots, will be 42 by the time the regular season ends in April.

Union upset KIFCO

UNION scored an upset victory in the Rothmans Royals knock-out cricket tournament on Friday when they beat star-studded KIFCO on a better run-rate.

In the other matches of the same tournament, being organized by the Unity Cricketers in Ahmadi, Starlite crushed Siddique. Unity thrashed YMCA and Falcon outclassed Capri.

Union, batting first, put on 194 runs for the loss of five wickets in their 30 overs. Farakh was the top scorer with 58, made with the help of two sixes.

Suffered

Shehzad hammered 48, Jamil 30, Shehzad Sr 21 and Abid 19.

KIFCO suffered an early setback when they lost Tariq, caught by Shehzad Jr off Shehzad Sr, for only four. Kafait then sent back Pervaz and Arshad Shams to leave KIFCO tottering at 35 for three.

Jamil, Kafait and Shehzad Sr accounted for three middle-order batsmen and KIFCO were in trouble at 66 for six in 12 overs. Kafait and Arshad further reduced KIFCO to 84 for eight.

Rashid and Manzoor put on 85 runs for the ninth wicket by the end of the 26th over when the match was stopped. At the same stage Union had scored 174 to

CYPRUS HOPE FOR CONVINCING VICTORY OVER NORWAY

Danes seek win in qualifier

COPENHAGEN, Nov 1, (Reuters) — Denmark's new-generation soccer team need to beat Bulgaria for the first time tomorrow if they are to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals in Italy.

Danish trainer Sepp Piontek has been trying out new talent like strikers Lars Elstrup and Flemming Povlsen in a bid to lift his side from the mediocrity into which they have slumped since they enfolded the last World Cup with their entertaining style.

Serving

The Danes are missing two key players for the European Group One match against the off-form Bulgarians in Copenhagen. Star midfielder Jan Molbi is serving a three-month jail sentence in England for reckless driving and defender Ivan Nielsen is injured.

But they still have valuable experience in the shape of midfielder Michael Laudrup and key defender John Sivak.

Both sides have had a bad start to the 1990 Cup campaign. The Danes drew 1-1 in Greece in their first match last month while Bulgaria were beaten 3-1 at home by Romania.



Sepp Piontek

Denmark have never beaten Bulgaria in their seven encounters since 1957. The two sides have drawn three times.

Bulgaria have the better World Cup record, having reached the finals five times. The Danes made their debut in Mexico two years ago.

But Bulgarian trainer Boris Angelov must do without three of his best players — defender

Georgi Dimitrov, midfielder Bozidar Iskrenov and star forward Nasko Sirakov — who are all injured.

Disappointed by his team's lacklustre, unimaginative performance against Romania, Angelov will be relying on key defenders Ilian Kiriakov and Nikolai Iliev, last year's footballer of the year in Bulgaria, to rise to the occasion and set an example to their team-mates.

And in Limassol, Cyprus coach Panikos Iacovou is hoping his World Cup soccer team will beat Norway convincingly tomorrow to secure a rare taste of life at the top of their European Group Five qualifying table.

With the morale of his team running high following their 1-1 draw against France 10 days ago, Iacovou is planning to send out an attacking side against the Norwegians who have lost both their matches played to date. But he is wary of being overconfident.

He said: "Norway has a very good team. I saw them playing against France and I know it won't be easy. We play the same style of football and it won't be

easy either for them or for us."

A convincing victory for Cyprus would lift them to the top of the group above Scotland, France and Yugoslavia, the other three nations in the five-nation group from which two will qualify for the finals.

Norway, beaten 2-1 at home by current section leaders Scotland, and 1-0 away in France, cannot afford a third defeat if they are to keep alive their remote hopes of qualifying for Italy in 1990.

Cyprus will be strengthened by the return after injury of striker George Savvides of Aek Athens. Savvides missed the clash with France.

Include

Norway coach Ingvar Stadelheim said his selection plans had been hit by injury but he will include six players with regular experience of playing in major European club soccer.

"I wanted to bring more, but they are injured," he said. "That's why I will have to wait till the last minute to announce the team. The match will not be easy so I have to be very careful and pick the best possible 11."

Waitz goes for 9th New York marathon title

NEW YORK, Nov 1, (Reuters) — The finish line is not yet in sight for Norway's Grete Waitz.

"I have no plans to put my racing shoes on my shelf and have them stay there," Waitz, 35, said yesterday at a news conference to promote this Sunday's New York City marathon.

Waitz, winner of the race a record eight times, will again be one of the favourites when she steps to the starting line for the 42-km test through the five boroughs of the city.

The women's competition should be the toughest in years with 1984 US Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson, defending champion Priscilla Welch of Britain and promising Tatyana Polovinskaya of the Soviet Union on hand.

Quality

But a good race has always kept Waitz on the run.

"I'm happy with the quality of the race. This will be different from other New York marathons as there will be a bunch together at the 20-22 mile (32-35 km) mark," Waitz said.

Waitz rates Benoit Samuelson her top rival. In their only head-to-head duel, the American easily outdistanced second-place finisher Waitz to win the 1984 Olympic marathon.

"When Joan runs she is always well prepared so I reckon her as my hardest competitor," Waitz said.

Mets score easy victory over Astros

LITTLE League baseball is in full swing in Kuwait. The second week of games has proved that this season will be full of tough competition for all involved.

The Mets and the Astros led off Friday's games. Homerun batters for the Mets were Bibi and Ahmed. Majid was credited with an RBI along with Hailtham and Shadie. Gibran ended the day with 2 RBI's. The Astros were in there fighting but time ran out with the final score Mets 10 Astros 0.

The Royals and the Cardinals had a very competitive game. The first inning ended in a 1-1 tie but the Cardinals pulled into a 2-run lead at the end of the second inning. Peter Punj had an in the park homerun for the Cardinals, bringing in 2 runners. Rusty hit a double and earned himself 2 RBI's. The good pitching by both teams kept the scores close throughout the game.

Battled

The Royals never let up. Shemlan Khajha hit three doubles with a total of 3 RBI's. Jason Zeplin not only pitched a fine game but batted well bringing in 2 RBI's.

The final score: Royals 12 Cardinals 12.

The Cubs looked strong for the second game of the season. The Cubs came out to do some hitting and winning. Jordan had the only homerun for the Cubs but it looked like everyone was hitting too. The Indians gave the Cubs a strong showing. Bader started them off with a homerun in the first inning, but it wasn't enough. The Cubs took it 26-11.

Another close game came in the afternoon when the Mariners and Blue Jays faced each other. Both teams did a lot of hitting but when the dust settled the Mar-



Teams march on to the field during the opening ceremony.



The US Ambassador, Nathaniel Howell, pitches the first ball.

ers had it 10-8.

Results of second week's games:
Mets 10 Astros 0
Royals 12 Cardinals 12
Cubs 26 Indians 11
Mariners 10 Blue Jays 8
Red Sox 6 White Sox 18

The Little League started its season last week with the United States' Ambassador to Kuwait Nathaniel Howell pitching the first ball to one of the catchers.

Before the start of the games, the 14 participating teams were introduced to the spectators by Suleiman Sakleh, the president of the Little League.

The teams in this tournament are being sponsored by the American Embassy, the American School of Kuwait,

Nasrallah Construction Company, Greenline Company, Computhink, Sante Fe International, Al Juliah Trading Company, Gulf Inspection Company International, Bader Ahmed Kharaifi Establishment, Ali Essa Al Yousifi (National) and Bader Al Mullah.

Results of last week's games:

Senior League
White Sox 13 Red Sox 5
Little League
Athletics 15 Royals 7
Giants 16 Cardinals 10
Minor League
Mariners 12 Astros 4
Blue Jays 6 Mets 3
T-Ball
Indians 13 Tigers 12
Cubs 14 Pirates 4

Colts crush Broncos

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov 1, (AP) — Eric Dickerson rushed for 159 yards to go over 1,000 yards for a National Football League record-tying sixth consecutive season and scored a career-high four touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts stunned the Denver Broncos 55-23 last night.

The Colts, scoring on seven of their nine first-half possessions, forced four fumbles, sacked Broncos quarterback John Elway three times and didn't let Denver cross midfield until its seventh possession, five minutes into the second quarter.

By that time, Indianapolis led 31-0 on Dickerson's four touchdowns and the first of two field goals by Dean Biasucci. The Colts built the margin to 45-10 at halftime, four points short of the NFL record for points in a half.

The mark is held by Chicago against Philadelphia in 1941 and Green Bay in 1983 against Tampa Bay.

Quarterback Gary Hogeboom, replacing starter Chris Chandler whenever the Colts went to a wishbone offense, threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Bill Brooks in the second quarter. Biasucci got another field goal in the third quarter and Albert Bentley rushed for a fourth-period touchdown as Indianapolis evened its record at 4-5 with the most points ever scored in a Monday night game.

The loss before a Hoosier Dome record crowd of 60,544 — many in Halloween costumes — left the Broncos 4-5.

Dickerson, the NFL rushing leader, rushed 21 times in the game.

Dubai to host women's golf tournament

THE first-ever women's professional golf tournament in the Middle East, featuring some of the leading players in the world, is to be staged this month at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai.

The Toyota Cressida Ladies Pro-am Challenge, sponsored by Toyota Al Futtaim, is being held from November 15 to 17, with 12 top professionals from the Women's Professional Golf Association European Tour.

The professionals, including current ladies European Open champion Dale Reid, ladies' European Masters champion Penny Grice-Whittaker, and ladies' British Open champion Corrine Dibnah, will line up alongside local amateurs in the tournament.

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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Peter Davenport

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Nov 1. (Reuters): Peter Davenport, who has failed to command a regular first team place with Manchester United this season, joined Middlesbrough for £700,000 (\$1.23 million) today.

Ben Johnson

TORONTO, Nov 1. (Reuters): Ben Johnson, the athlete whose disgrace focused world attention on drugs in sport, has lost commercial endorsements, been charged with assault and faces a Canadian inquiry into his disqualification from the Olympics.

Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Nov 1. (Reuters): American Derrick Rostagno became the first seed to lose in the \$642,500 Stockholm Open Grand Prix tennis tournament when he was beaten 6-4 6-4 by West Germany's Torsten Meinenke yesterday.

Steffi Graf

BONN, Nov 1. (Reuters): West Germany's all-conquering Steffi Graf has decided to miss December's Federation Cup tennis event in Australia to take a rest from the sport after a packed year in which she clinched the Grand Slam and the Olympic title.

Cup qualifier

BUCHAREST, Nov 1. (Reuters): Encouraged by their impressive 3-1 win over Bulgaria last month, will be hoping to move into a strong position at the top of their World Cup qualifying group with a decisive victory over Greece tomorrow.

Austrian midfielder

VIENNA, Nov 1. (Reuters): Austria are likely to turn to their former star midfielder Herbert Prohaska for inspiration tomorrow when they meet Turkey in World Cup European Group Three qualifying tie.

Romanian fencer

ANKARA, Nov 1. (Reuters): The trainer of the Romanian women's fencing team, in Ankara for Balkan Championship Games, has asked for asylum in Turkey, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Indian Skimmer

NEWMARKET, England, Nov 1. (Reuters): Trainer Henry Cecil has scrapped plans to administer the pain-killing drug bute to his filly Indian Skimmer for Saturday's Breeders' Cup turf horse race in Kentucky following criticism from Britain's Jockey Club.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament (5th week) held at the Hilton Hotel on Monday: N/S
1. Mukerjee & Dresler
2. Sapre & Gajjar
3. Sultan Ali & Dutt
E/W
1. Desmond & Aurora
2. Dhanra & Moeteiro
3. Krishnaswamy & Vasudevan

Hadlee restricts West Zone

NEW DELHI, Nov 1. (Reuters): Richard Hadlee shrugged off the irritation of a long delay to the start of New Zealand's opening tour match to shatter West Zone's top order batting today. After the late arrival of the New Zealand kit, Hadlee was quickly among the wickets, dismissing both openers with only nine on the board.

Superb

He rapidly added two more to reduce West Zone to 23 for four before the home team staged a superb recovery with an unbroken fifth-wicket century partnership between Shrikant Kalyani and Ushar Arothe. They took West Zone to 149 for four at the close when Kalyani was unbeaten on 81 and Arothe 47.

The start of the three-day match was delayed when the New Zealand kit failed to arrive

MUSCAT: Speculation over Mohammed Bin Sulayem's entry in the Oman International Rally ended early yesterday morning when the Middle East champion withdrew "for personal reasons" and returned to his home in Dubai.

The Toyota star had stated his intention to compete when he arrived here on Monday wearing a plaster cast after a neck injury suffered in a road accident in Dubai.

Sulayem, who needed to win points in Oman to maintain a strong challenge to Rothmans driver Saeed Al Hajri, the championship leader, had brought

with him a certificate of fitness from the Munich clinic where he received treatment. But he ruled himself out of contention before an examination by rally doctor Wahid Kharusi.

Terry Plant, manager of the Emirates-supported Toyota team Middle East, said: "Mohammed will be replaced by Ahmed Bin Khalifa who will drive the second Toyota Celica turbo."

Leading the cars away from the ramp at Muscat Corniche this afternoon will be former world champion Bjorn Waldegard in the No. 1 Toyota Celica turbo, accompanied by

co-driver Fred Gallagher of Northern Ireland.

Second car on the road is the Rothmans Audi Quattro of Al Hajri who yesterday expressed his disappointment at Sulayem's withdrawal. "Certainly, it helps me in the championship, but it really is a great pity that he's not driving. The rally just won't be the same without him. Obviously, we are big rivals, but the real challenge in the Middle East series is the one between the two of us."

Even so, Al Hajri will have to work out to beat Waldegard, winner of the recent European Championship Rothmans

Cyprus Rally in the Group A Toyota Celica GT, the car that is likely to take over from the present Group B vehicle in this region next year.

"Bjorn is one of the greatest drivers in the world and it's a privilege to compete against him," he added.

The respect seems mutual. The big Swede commented: "Saeed is a fantastic driver. I know him personally and he's a good friend." Waldegard said he was very pleased with practice and that the terrain was perfect. "It is a great place for an international rally and I'm really looking forward to it."

With 32 cars taking part—the longest entry list for six years—the Oman International is likely to be one of the most fiercely contested events in this year's Middle East calendar—at all levels of competition.

Experience

The inclusion of Ahmed Bin Khalifa, one of the hottest properties in regional motor sport, adds a new dimension. This is the man who finished second to Al Hajri on his very first championship outing in Qatar last year, driving the same Toyota Celica.

"It's been great experience for me just practising here," he said.

"I'd like to win, of course, but I'm very pleased simply to be taking part."

Other than Al Hajri, the most consistent driver in the history of the Oman rally is local hero Tony Georgiou who has rarely been out of the first three in his faithful old Nissan 240RS.

"The car is too slow to compete against the top entries," he said. "But I'll just apply the usual tactics of keeping close to the front-runners and wait for one of them to make a mistake."

Georgiou's Nissan is one of five in the top eight seeded entries, all with Oman-based drivers at the wheel.

Syrian press angers KFA

KUWAIT, Nov 1. (KUNA): The Kuwait Football Association (KFA) today expressed anger over the campaign launched against Kuwaiti referee Ghazi Al Ghandi by the Syrian press and head of the referees committee at the Asian Football Association, Farouk Boudho, following Syria's loss to Iraq in the finals of the Asian Youth Championship.

Iraq won 7-6 after a penalty shootout.

The KFA statement expressed dismay over the verbal attack on Al Ghandi, saying that the referees committee, had considered the Kuwaiti referee as one of the best.

Woodforde overcomes Novacek

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 1. (Reuters): Australian Mark Woodforde, who has his sights on a quarterfinal clash with John McEnroe, cleared his first hurdle in the \$1 million European Community Tennis Championship yesterday.

Woodforde, a wild card entry, beat Czechoslovak Karel Novacek 6-2 7-6, while Dutchman Michiel Schapers was another unseeded player who came through the first round by ousting stylish Indian Ramesh Krishnan 7-5 6-3.

Prospect

Huge prize money—a first-round victory is worth \$17,000—and the prospect of winning a million-dollar gold and diamond racket are the attractions of this annual event which has McEnroe and Ivan Lendl leading the chase for the top prizes this year.

In other first-round matches, Austrian Horst Skoff beat Yahiya Dumbia of Senegal 6-2 6-2, while Swiss Claudio Mezzadri demolished leaden-footed Frenchman Jerome Potier—called in when Jimmy Connors withdrew through illness—6-1 6-1.

Potter edges past McGrath

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov 1. (Reuters): American Barbara Potter overcame a stiff challenge from compatriot Meredith McGrath yesterday to become the first of seven top-10 players entered to reach the second round of the \$300,000 New England women's tennis championships.

The seventh-seeded Potter beat McGrath 7-6 (7-4) 6-7 (7-9) 6-2 to advance. Top seed Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Chris Evert were to play their first-round matches today or tomorrow.

Stephanie Rehe, who is battling for a spot in the New York championships, beat fellow-American Molly van Nostrand 7-5 6-1.

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Empire Rose triumphs

MELBOURNE, Nov 1. (Reuters): New Zealand mare Empire Rose made it third time lucky when she headed off a late challenge by Natski to storm to victory in the 1.65 million dollar (\$1.32 million) Melbourne Cup today.

The giant mare, second in last year's race, hit the front at the head of the final straight after tracking leader Authaal for much of the 3.2 km (two miles) race.

Urged on by an 80,000 crowd and young jockey Tony Allan, the people's favourite seemed to have no rivals among the 21 other runners as she stretched out for the line with 400 metres to

go. But Ireland's Natski, 30 lengths behind Authaal at the 1200 metre mark, suddenly burst out of the pack to make up ground down the middle of the sun-baked track.

Natski pulled alongside the leader but Empire Rose, the first mare to win the Southern Hemisphere's greatest horse race since 1965, stretched like a human sprinter at the line to take the photo-finish decision by a short head.

Another New Zealand horse Na Botto was third. Empire Rose, fifth in her first appearance in 1986, started 5-1 co-favourite with Natski.

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